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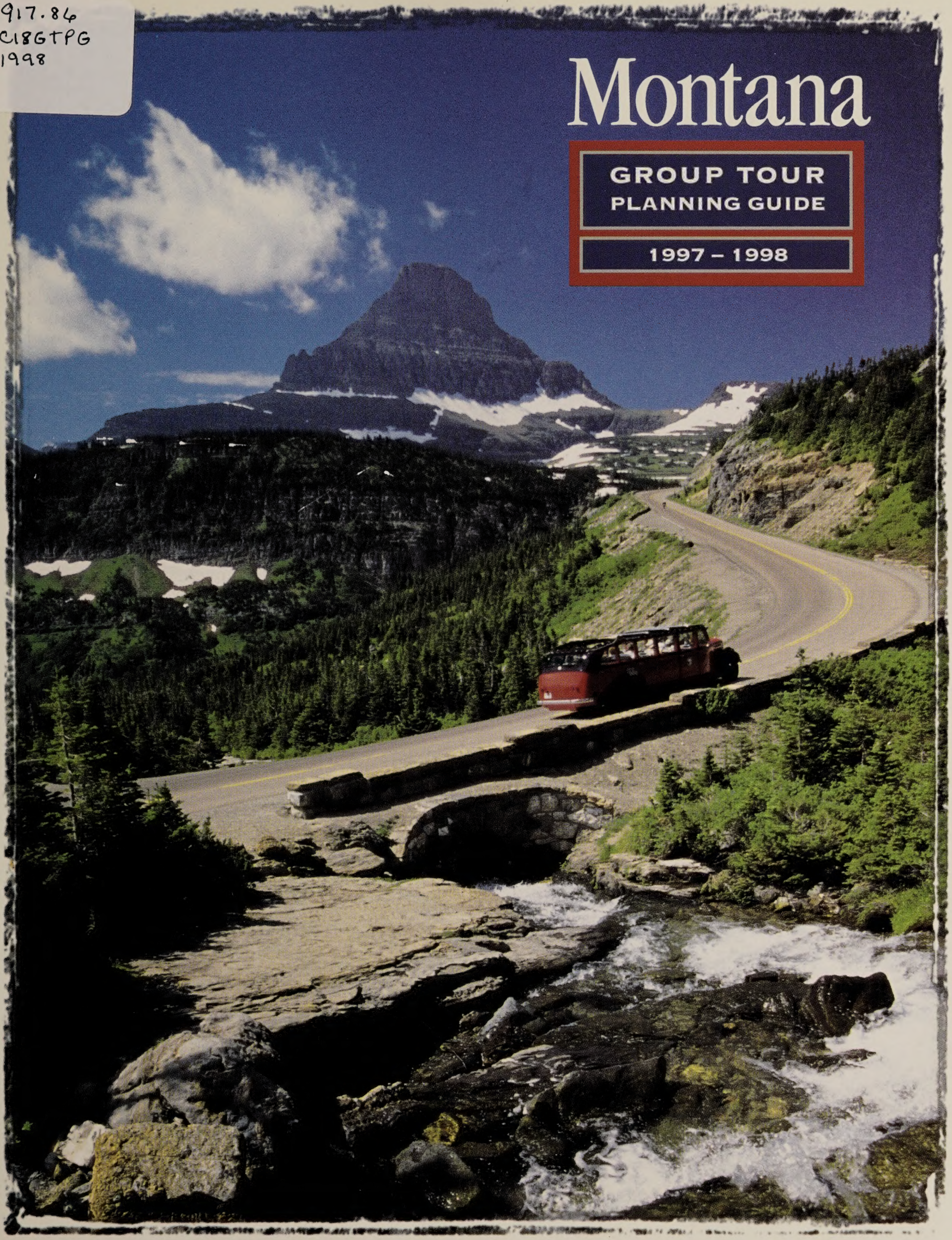

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DEAR TOUR PLANNER:

Begin with two of the world's greatest treasures, the crown of the continent Glacier National Park, where mountain goats pose in their home of unparalleled scenery and Yellowstone National Park where primal geothermal forces gush out of the earth while bison graze nearby.

Next, fill the wide-open spaces between the parks with wilderness refuges, rodeos, celebrations and festivals, soaring Rocky Mountains, rivers and lakes, state parks, art galleries, close-knit agricultural communities and modern cities, blue-ribbon trout streams, museums, elegant resorts and unpretentious ranches, and abundant, viewable wildlife.

That's Montana. Unspoiled. Unforgettable.

And unlike the greedy storybook King Midas, we're eager to share our treasures. The Big Sky here does that to you. When you don't feel crowded, it's easy to open your arms to new friends.

This group tour planning guide is designed to help you package marketable, profitable tours to Montana. We begin with the basics—facts and figures you need to know.

Next comes the fun part—our favorite tours of the state. If you prefer to design your own itinerary, we can suggest specialized tours that focus on hiking, camping, fishing, skiing, history, agriculture or industry. Or combine any of the above. Just give us a call and we'll provide the friendly, professional service you expect from a Montanan.

Then we feature our major attractions, special annual events and celebrations. The folks from each city describe their area attractions, just to let you know what's there and to invite you to stop by. Are you interested in Montana's Native American culture? Look through the section on Indian reservations for background information, points of interest and special events listings.

Next are the escort notes. Guides tell us it's the most useful and interesting crash course they've ever used. History highlights, noteworthy facts and statistics, geography, geology and climate. The Lewis and Clark Expedition, the 1800s gold rush, the great cattle barons of the vast grasslands on these northern plains. Railroad men, copper wars, sodbusters, and famous Montanans lead into present-day Montana: our economic makeup, weather, and tips that explain just what rodeo bull dogging is.

Need more information? We have it: our favorite reference books for Montana on lots of different topics, sales aids, information on Montana-made gifts and products, even an entertaining quiz. Complete lists of accommodations and restaurants throughout the state, with addresses and phone numbers. And, of course, the basics: motorcoach regulations, airline service, and charter bus and step-on guide services. At the back of the guide, a very thorough index directs you immediately to the information you want.

In Montana, one of our many bonuses is economy. We think you'll be pleased by the combination of world-class destinations and surprisingly affordable rates.

Whenever possible, we encourage tour programs to be designed and planned utilizing the services of professional tour operators. If Travel Montana can be of additional assistance to you, please contact us. You are a high priority with us. And you're invited to visit.

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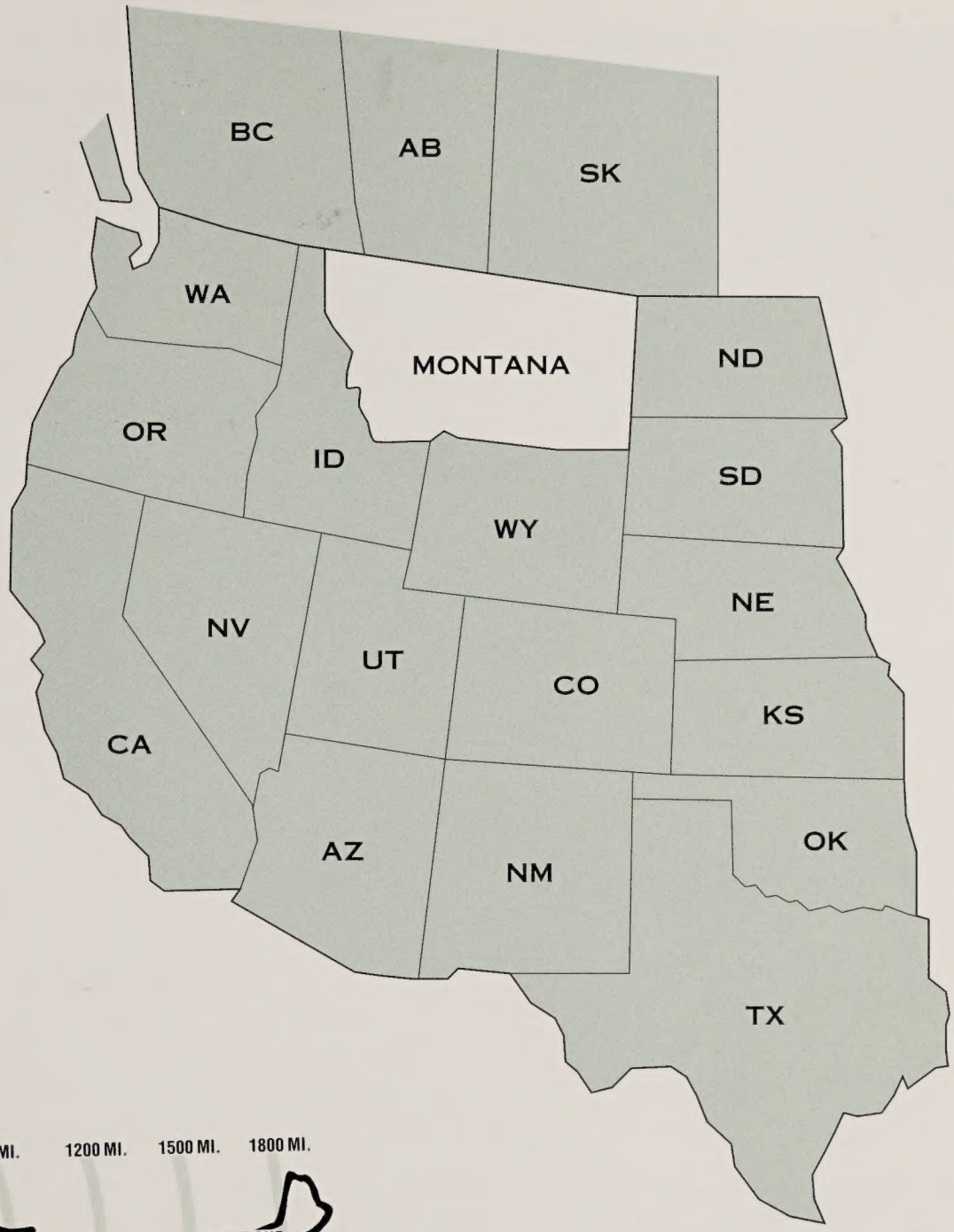
GENERAL INFORMATION

LOCATION

Bordered on the north by the Canadian provinces of Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, Montana is an important link between western Canada and the western United States. Montanans and Canadians are good friends and neighbors. Rivers, wildlife and traffic move freely over the border that separates us. Montana and Alberta share an international park called Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park. The Montana portion is Glacier National Park, revered by many as the "Crown of the Continent." Idaho borders the west side of Montana and the Dakotas border the east. Directly south is Wyoming and Yellowstone National Park. Three of the five entrances to Yellowstone are in Montana.



Drivetime map

MONTANA MILEAGE MAP

WATERTON LAKES NAT'L PARK (Alberta)

to Calgary

4 hrs. 232 mi. 373 km.

EUREKA

1 1/2 hrs. 64 mi. 103 km.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

1 1/2 hrs. 73 mi. 117 km.

LIBBY

2 hrs. 88 mi. 142 km.

WHITEFISH

1/4 hr. 14 mi. 22 km.

WEST GLACIER

2 1/2 hrs. 55 mi. 89 km.

EAST GLACIER

1 1/2 hrs. / 72 mi./116 km.

SHELBY

2 hrs. 102 mi. 164 km.

HAVRE

3 1/4 hrs. 158 mi. 254 km.

GLASGOW

PLENTYWOOD

3/4 hr. 47 mi. 74 km.

CULBERTSON

3/4 hr. 48 mi. 76 km.

1 hr. 49 mi. 79 km.

WOLF POINT

3/4 hr. 40 mi. 64 km.

to Williston

3/4 hr. 32 mi. 52 km.

KALISPELL

1 hr. 49 mi. 78 km.

POLSON

1 1/4 hrs. 66 mi. 106 km.

1 3/4 hrs. 86 mi. 138 km.

CHOTEAU

1 1/4 hrs. 55 mi. 89 km.

1 1/2 hrs. 88 mi. 142 km.

2 1/2 hrs. 116 mi. 187 km.

GREAT FALLS

4 hrs. 203 mi. 327 km.

3 hrs. 151 mi. 243 km.

1/2 hr. 31 mi. 53 km.

SIDNEY

1 hr. 53 mi. 85 km.

to Spokane

3 1/2 hrs. 201 mi. 323 km.

MISSOULA

3 hrs. 169 mi. 272 km.

2 hrs. 105 mi. 169 km.

LEWISTOWN

5 hrs. 246 mi. 396 km.

GLENDIVE

3 1/4 hrs. 196 mi. 315 km.

to Bismarck

1 hr. 50 mi. 81 km.

HAMILTON

1 3/4 hrs. 115 mi. 185 km.

HELENA

1 1/2 hrs. 89 mi. 143 km.

5 hrs. 220 mi. 354 km.

2 1/2 hrs. 129 mi. 208 km.

1 1/4 hrs. 78 mi. 126 km.

MILES CITY

2 hrs. 119 mi. 192 km.

1 1/4 hrs. 65 mi. 105 km.

1 3/4 hrs. 95 mi. 153 km.

BUTTE

1 3/4 hrs. 82 mi./132 km.

2 1/2 hrs. 146 mi. 235 km.

1 1/2 hrs. 74 mi. 119 km.

BOZEMAN

3/4 hr. 26 mi. 42 km.

BILLINGS

2 hrs. 116 mi./187 km.

1 hr. 46 mi. 74 km.

HARDIN

BROADUS

1 1/4 hrs. 65 mi. 105 km.

1 1/2 hrs. 71 mi./114 km.

DILLON

1 1/2 hrs. 67 mi. 108 km.

VIRGINIA CITY

1 3/4 hrs. 90 mi. 145 km.

1 hr. 53 mi. 85 km.

1 1/4 hrs. 60 mi. 97 km.

1 3/4 hrs. 87 mi. 140 km.

2 hrs. 85 mi. 137 km.

2 hrs. 65 mi. 105 km.

RED LODGE

1 1/2 hrs. 56 mi./90 km.

GARDINER

COOKE CITY

1 3/4 hrs. 85 mi. 137 km.

2 1/2 hrs. 145 mi. 233 km.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

to Idaho Falls

to Sheridan

to Gillette

SCHEDULED AIR SERVICE

GENERAL INFORMATION

SIZE AND POPULATION

Montana is a vast and varied state of mountains, canyons, river valleys, forests, grassy plains, badlands, and caverns. Its Big Sky covers a land area of more than 147,000 square miles, making Montana the fourth largest state in the nation. In area, it can accommodate Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, Pennsylvania and New York, and still have room for the District of Columbia. Yet, Montana's population is just 856,057 (1994 estimate), making it the sixth least-populated state. There are fewer people living in the entire state of Montana than in the city of Phoenix. In Montana, there is room to breathe. And nowhere is the air fresher.

CLIMATE

Generally, Montana's weather is milder than many visitors might expect. After hearing about record low temperatures from some of our more notorious recording stations, like West Yellowstone and Cut Bank, some nonresidents think of Montana as an icebox. Unlike many areas of the nation, however, where winter settles in for keeps, Montana's cold spells are frequently interrupted by Chinook winds and mild periods. The beauty of Montana's weather system is that whether it is hot or cold, Montana is dry and, therefore, neither oppressively hot nor oppressively cold. Average annual precipitation is 15 inches, varying from 9.69 to more than 100 inches. Average daytime temperatures vary from 28 degrees in January to 84.5 degrees in July.

SALES TAX AND ACCOMMODATIONS TAX

As of the print date of this publication, Montana is one of only five states without a sales tax. The four-percent accommodations tax, or "bed tax" levied in the state provides the sole funding for tourism promotion efforts in Montana.

AREA CODE

(406) for all of Montana;
Mountain Time Zone

HIGHEST POINT

Granite Peak in the Beartooth Mountains, 12,799 ft.

LOWEST POINT

Northwest Montana, where the Kootenai River leaves Montana, 1,800 ft.

STATE CAPITAL

Helena

STATE BIRD

Western Meadowlark

STATE FLOWER

Bitterroot

STATE TREE

Ponderosa Pine

STATE FISH

Cutthroat Trout

STATE ANIMAL

Grizzly Bear

STATE FOSSIL

Duck-billed Dinosaur
(Maiasaura peeblesorum)

WILDLIFE WATCHING

Montana's magnificent wildlife—not just birds and mammals, but fish, reptiles and amphibians—are a part of Montana's heritage. You'll find them in marshlands and mountains, on the prairies, even in our urban communities. Montana is home to nearly 1,000 species of animals. Populations of elk, deer and pronghorn alone outnumber Montana's citizens. With a pair of binoculars and a healthy appreciation of living things, you can discover the diversity of wildlife that calls Montana home.

Montana's Watchable Wildlife Program promotes the conservation of fish and wildlife and their habitats through enhanced public understanding, viewing and appreciation of Montana's wildlife heritage.

The *Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide* offers information and directions to more than 100 wildlife viewing sites throughout the state. The guide is available for $5.95. Bring the beauty of Montana's wildlife into your life with the exquisite poster "Loons of the Swan Valley," by Montana artist, Monte Dolack. The cost is $25. This print is also available on notecards. The cost is $10 for 12 cards with envelopes. Proceeds from the guides, posters and notecards benefit Montana's Watchable Wildlife Program.

Contact Montana Fish, Wildlife & Parks at 1420 E. Sixth Ave., Helena, Montana 59620 or call 406-444-2535 to purchase these items.

GLACIER COUNTRY
This is Montana's northwest corner, where lofty mountains and extensive forests set the pace. Here are magnificent Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake, watchable wildlife, wild and scenic rivers, wilderness, and lakes scattered like jewels. There are scenic golf courses, vacation resorts, guest ranches, galleries, museums, and summer theater.

RUSSELL COUNTRY
This is the land memorialized by this famed Western artist—cowboys and Plains Indians, buffalo, buttes, dramatic skies and the grand Missouri River. This is where the mountains meet the plains. Linger in its cities, where history has been preserved in parks, museums and galleries. Then explore the land that still looks as hauntingly big and beautiful as it did when Charlie Russell used it as a model for canvas and bronze.

MISSOURI RIVER COUNTRY
This is Montana's northeast corner, where a great river sets the theme for the entire landscape. Here, everything is big. Prairie stretches from horizon to horizon with ranches measured in miles. Fort Peck Lake offers more than a thousand miles of shoreline. Millions of waterfowl take to the Big Sky from sprawling wildlife refuges.

GOLD WEST COUNTRY
This is Montana's southwest corner, where the West's colorful history comes to life in restored mining camps, a living history cattle ranch, an Indian battlefield, the mansions and union halls of Butte and the capital city of Helena. Here, too, are fabled trout streams, Rocky Mountains, hot springs resorts, ghost towns and guest ranches.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTRY
This country is immediately north of Yellowstone National Park and features three of the park's five entrances. It is also headquarters for some of the world's finest trout fishing and outdoor recreation. Explore its legendary rivers, majestic peaks, vast forests and wilderness areas. Enjoy its lively cities and towns and its many guest ranches and vacation resorts.

CUSTER COUNTRY
This country derives its name from the most famous Indian battle in U.S. history. It was here that Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer lost his life in 1876 against an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors. Here, too, are vast cattle ranches, Indian reservations, the fabled Yellowstone and Bighorn rivers and Montana's largest city, Billings.

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P.O. Box 458
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
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Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501
Fax 406-862-9494

MONTANA GIFTS AND PRODUCTS

"MADE IN MONTANA"

"Made in Montana" stickers and tags are found on a variety of Montana-made products, ranging from clothing and food products to hardware and electronic components that are shipped worldwide. Labels appear only on products that have a minimum of 50 percent value added in Montana. Your group can take home some very unique gifts by looking for the "Made in Montana" label when shopping for souvenirs.

SAPPHIRES

Sapphires of both gem and industrial quality are mined in western and central Montana. The unusual cornflower-blue sapphires of Yogo Gulch near Lewistown are said to be the deepest blue of all sapphires in the world and are of highest gem quality. Named by the Indians, the word "yogo" means "blue sky." Yogo sapphires can be found in Montana's gem stores and rock shops. Groups who wish to mine their own sapphires may try their luck at one of the many sapphire mines located throughout the state.

COPPER

Until 1982, Butte's famed Berkeley Pit ranked third in open-pit copper mining in the United States. All but one-tenth of Montana's copper was mined at Butte, "the richest hill on earth." Copper products can be found in gift shops throughout Montana. Items made from copper include bracelets, belt buckles, candle holders, cookware and dishes. Several shops specialize in copper items, such as the Butte Copper Company, the West Yellowstone Copper Shop and the Montana Copper Shops in Missoula and Polson.

WILD BERRY PRODUCTS

During the summer and fall, wild chokecherries, buffalo berries, plums and huckleberries grow abundantly in Montana. Many Montanans collect these fruits and produce wonderful taste treats. The most popular are jams and preserves made by Eva Gates in Bigfork, jellies and syrups made by Kountry Kitchen in Miles City and chocolate covered huckleberries made by several companies in the state. These products can be purchased in delicatessens, grocery stores and gift shops throughout Montana. For a unique Montana experience, arrangements can be made for your tour to pick wild huckleberries in season. The Libby Chamber of Commerce can assist you. Phone 406-293-3832.

MONTANA CLAY

This unique clay, dug in Montana, is used to create a variety of objects. The most popular are vases, ashtrays, bells, cups and small animals. The rich earthy tones swirled with white make one-of-a-kind items because the color and pattern cannot be duplicated. Look for Montana clay products in gift shops throughout the state or visit the plants where the clay is poured, fired and glazed. Clays in Calico is located in Cardwell.

WHEAT WEAVINGS

Wheat grows abundantly on Montana's rolling hills and plains. Many Montana artisans weave the wheat to create a variety of objects. An old craft that originated in England, wheat weaving can be used to make wall hangings, corsages, centerpieces, necklaces, napkin rings and many other items. Not just wheat is used. Barley, oats or any plant that has a hollow stem can be incorporated into wheat weaving. Wheat weavings, wheat stalks and books on the subject can be found in arts and crafts stores and stores that handle handmade items. Some hotels in the state can arrange to have wheat- weaving classes for group tours.

INDIAN CRAFTS

Jewelry, pottery, beaded work, moccasins, baskets, dolls and many other items can be found on or near our seven reservations as well as in "trading posts" throughout the state. The Indian Crafts Center in Lame Deer and the Museum of the Plains Indian in Browning offer an excellent selection of quality crafts.

WESTERN ART

Montana abounds with studios, galleries, foundries and shops specializing in Western art. *Art West* magazine produces a gallery directory for the western states, including 87 galleries in Montana where Western art can be purchased. The directory may be obtained by writing to: Art West, 303 E. Main Street, Bozeman, MT 59715. The best Western art collections can be found at sales and auctions held annually in Montana. These also provide the buyer with an opportunity to meet the artists personally. The three biggest sales are the C. M. Russell Auction held in Great Falls each March, the Kalispell Art Show held each August and the Western Rendezvous of Art held in Helena each August.

MONTANA AGATES

Montana agates are highly prized by rockhounds all over the country. They are commonly called "moss agates" because of the tree and fern-like images within the gem. A lava product formed millions of years ago, moss agates are one of nature's true wonders. Their coloration may consist of a single color or may be in combinations of red, black, green and blue. These attractive stones are found along the lower Yellowstone River from around Custer downstream to Sidney, a distance of almost 200 miles. Moss agates and jewelry may be purchased in lapidary shops throughout the state. A must for all rockhounders is a visit to the Holiday Lodge in Glendive, where the Ed Klapmeier agate jewelry collection is on display. It is said to be the finest collection of its kind in the world. If you are interested in searching for agates, the Yellowstone Agate Club in Miles City can assist you.

MONTANA

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- ☐ Image brochures (qty.)_____
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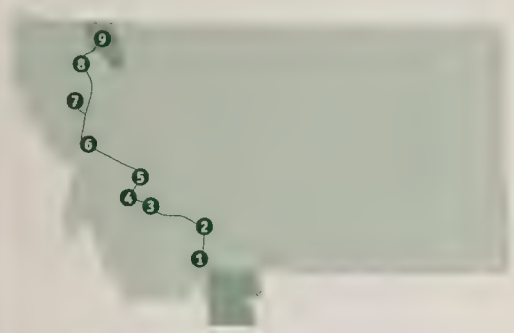
AND SCENIC TRAILS

THREE-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE PARKS—WESTERN ROUTE



1. Big Sky
2. Bozeman
3. Butte
4. Anaconda
5. Deer Lodge
6. Missoula
7. National Bison Range at Moiese
8. Kalispell/Whitefish
9. Glacier National Park

DAY ONE

Start the tour in Big Sky, just outside Yellowstone National Park. Ride the gondola to the heights of Lone Mountain while the morning air is crisp and clear, then don bathing suits or shorts for a float trip on the Gallatin River. After lunch, head north to Bozeman, the home of Montana State University. Located on the MSU campus is the Museum of the Rockies, which contains a unique collection of Montana relics, from dinosaur eggs unearthed in the state, to Indian artifacts and a two-story homesteader cabin. Then it's on to Butte to view the open-pit copper mine and visit the World Museum of Mining, the Copper King Mansion or the Mineral Museum.

Overnight in Butte or Anaconda.

DAY TWO

This morning, drive the Pintler Scenic Route along the shores of Georgetown Lake, and then cross a mountain pass to Deer Lodge, the home of three unique and historic attractions. Choose either the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, the Old Montana Prison or the Towe Ford Museum. After a lunch stop in Missoula and a tour of the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center, head for the National Bison Range at Moiese. This preserve is the home of bison, elk, deer, antelope, bighorn sheep and mountain goats. The day ends with a drive along the incomparable Flathead Lake.

Overnight in Kalispell or Whitefish.

DAY THREE

Spend the entire day in Glacier National Park. Choose from short walks where clients can slowly savor the natural world, take a comfortable scenic cruise on one of the pristine lakes or watch for wildlife while floating a river. Transfer to smaller, rollback-top touring coaches for a drive over the breathtaking Going-to-the-Sun Road. Mountain goats call this park home, and the rugged splendor is impressed in memories with perfect clarity.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

THREE-DAY TOUR BETWEEN THE PARKS—EASTERN ROUTE

1. Gardiner
2. Livingston
3. Lewistown
4. Great Falls
5. Browning
6. Glacier National Park

DAY ONE

Begin at Gardiner, the north gate of Yellowstone National Park. Drive north along the Yellowstone River, through the beautiful Paradise Valley. The Yellowstone River is the longest free-flowing (undammed) river in the United States, and motorists see both frothy whitewater stretches and placid meanders. In Livingston, visit either the Depot Center or the Park County Museum. Then drive north on US 191 through Montana's fertile "golden triangle"—rolling farmland rich in wheat, hay and grazing cattle, backdropped by tall mountain ranges. Even the county names bespeak the settlers' vision: Wheatland, Sweet Grass and Golden Valley. In Lewistown, browse through the art center or museum, admire the finely-crafted stone buildings or enjoy an evening dinner train ride aboard the Charlie Russell Chew-Choo.

Overnight in Lewistown.

DAY TWO

Drive to Great Falls and visit the original home and studio of our famous cowboy artist Charlie Russell. The nearby museum and gallery contain many of his original works and humorous letters to cherished friends. Eat a picnic lunch at Giant Springs Heritage State Park, and wander through the adjacent fish hatchery. Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. In the afternoon, float the peaceful Missouri River through steep-walled limestone canyons and pastoral farmland. This was the route of the famed Lewis and Clark Expedition, which was stalled in the Great Falls area for 32 days in 1805 by a formidable series of waterfalls. Lewis and Clark history abounds here.

Overnight in Great Falls.

DAY THREE

Today's route travels under the awesome peaks and buttresses of the Rocky Mountain Front. Stretch your legs at Freezeout Lake Wildlife Management Area, which teems with waterfowl in the spring and fall. Stop in Choteau to view dinosaur bones and Old West memorabilia at the Teton Trail Village. Then continue north to the heart of the Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Browning is home to the acclaimed Museum of the Plains Indian, which displays the arts and artifacts of 11 Plains Indian tribes. Next door, the Museum of Montana Wildlife and Hall of Bronze houses wildlife exhibits, dioramas, paintings and original bronze sculptures. Finish the day with a short drive west, to Glacier National Park.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

SIX-DAY TOUR OF THE PARKS

1. Great Falls
2. Glacier National Park
3. Kalispell/Whitefish
4. National Bison Range at Moiese
5. Missoula
6. Deer Lodge Valley
7. Helena
8. Nevada City
9. Virginia City
10. Yellowstone National Park
11. Cooke City
12. Red Lodge
13. Billings

DAY ONE

After an overnight stay in Great Falls, head for Glacier National Park. Following MT 89, cross the Blackfeet Indian Reservation to lunch at St. Mary's Lodge on the east edge of the park. Later, board smaller touring coaches for a trip over the spectacular Going-To-The-Sun Road.

Overnight in Glacier National Park at Lake McDonald Lodge.

DAY TWO

This morning head toward the Flathead Valley, and visit the beautifully restored Conrad Mansion in Kalispell. After lunch and a scenic drive along Flathead Lake, tour the National Bison Range at Moiese. Just north of here is the scenic resort community of Whitefish, home of the beautifully restored Great Northern Railroad Depot and Stumptown Historical Museum. Another interesting stop is The Big Mountain, one of Montana's destination ski and summer resorts

Overnight in Missoula, Montana's Garden City.

DAY THREE

Leave Missoula behind and motor east on I-90. The first stop is in the peaceful Deer Lodge Valley to learn about early ranching life at the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site. There is also time to visit the Towe Ford Museum or Old Montana Prison before lunch. This afternoon, it's on to Helena.

Overnight in Helena.

DAY FOUR

Today get a good look at Montana's capital city by riding the Last Chancer Tour Train and hearing a little about the history of Helena. Visit other local attractions before departing this afternoon. It's a 120-mile trip to the hotel this evening in Ennis. A special treat tonight is a visit to Virginia City to enjoy old-fashioned melodrama at its best with the Virginia City Players.

Overnight in Ennis.

DAY FIVE

It's a short drive today to reach America's most famous national park —Yellowstone. Here in "nature's wonderland," geysers, mud pots and other thermal features spout off. Lunch in the Old Faithful area and watch this famous geyser erupt. In the afternoon, journey to the east half of the park to see Yellowstone Lake and the Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone with its two spectacular waterfalls.

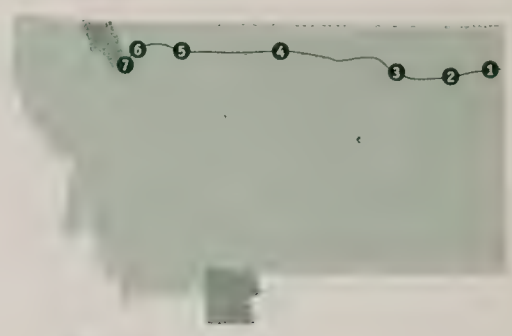
Overnight in Yellowstone National Park.

DAY SIX

Today, visit Mammoth Hot Springs before leaving Yellowstone at its northeast corner. Stop for lunch in Cooke City before starting the climb over Beartooth Pass. The breathtaking mountain scenery was described by former CBS correspondent Charles Kuralt as the most beautiful drive in America. Pass through the charming, alpine town of Red Lodge before reaching the overnight destination of Billings.

If there is time at the beginning and end of your tour, be sure to visit the Charles M. Russell Museum Complex in Great Falls and the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument southeast of Billings. If you are considering an intermodal tour, both Billings and Great Falls have excellent air service.

HISTORY ON THE HI-LINE: EAST TO WEST



1. Bainville
2. Wolf Point
3. Glasgow
4. Havre
5. Shelby
6. Browning
7. East Glacier

DAY ONE

Enter Montana on US 2, and stop in Bainville to visit Fort Union Trading Post, an 1828 fur trading post. Moving west, enter the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and stop at Wolf Point, reservation headquarters, for a look at the Wolf Point Area Historical Society Museum and Art Gallery, along with a break for lunch. After a short drive to Glasgow, visit the Pioneer Museum for a look at the homesteader's life in Montana.

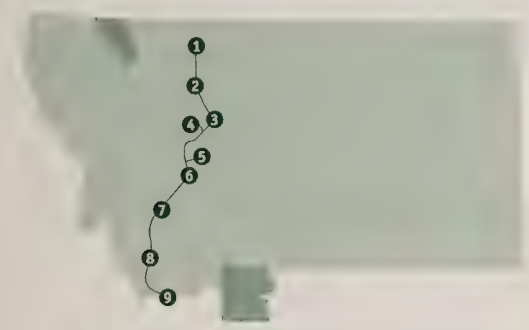
Overnight in Glasgow.

DAY TWO

Continuing west, cross the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation and enter Havre. In Havre tour the H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum or Havre Beneath the Streets, have lunch and then head for Shelby to visit the Marias Museum of History and Art. From Shelby drive to Browning, on the Blackfeet Indian Reservation, and tour the Museum of the Plains Indian.

Overnight in East Glacier.

TOURING ALONG THE NORTH-SOUTH INTERSTATE



1. Shelby
2. Conrad
3. Great Falls
4. Ulm Pishkun State Monument
5. Gates of the Mountains
6. Helena
7. Butte
8. Dillon
9. Monida Pass

DAY ONE

Enter Montana on I-15, heading south. The first stop is Shelby, site of the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in 1923, and a look at early pioneer life displayed at the Marias Museum of History and Art. Continue on to Great Falls, and picnic at Giant Springs Heritage State Park, where a reenactment of the Lewis and Clark Expedition can be arranged with the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard. Enjoy an afternoon of arts and Old West history at Paris Gibson Square, the Charles M. Russell Museum Complex and the Montana Cowboy's Association Museum.

Overnight in Great Falls.

DAY TWO

Heading southwest, visit the Ulm Pishkun State Monument. This buffalo jump was used by Indians for nearly a thousand years. Follow the Missouri River south to the Gates of the Mountains and board a scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River and a picnic lunch. After a short drive to Helena, take a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later, there is time to visit other area attractions such as the Montana Historical Society Museum, the Original Governor's Mansion, the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch and the Capitol Building.

Overnight in Helena.

DAY THREE

Again, head south on I-15, taking in the scenic beauty of the Rocky Mountains and crossing the Continental Divide before reaching Butte—"the richest hill on earth." There, visit the Copper King Mansion, the Mineral Museum, World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch.

Overnight in Butte.

DAY FOUR

Travel south to the Beaverhead County Museum in Dillon, and lunch. Just southwest of Dillon, detour from the interstate to visit Bannack, a ghost town from the gold rush days and Montana's first territorial capital. Stretch your legs on the easy walking tour, and catch a glimpse of the Old West. Back to the interstate, and travel south along the Beaverhead River, following a portion of Lewis and Clark's route. The interstate crosses the Continental Divide at scenic Monida Pass, Montana's southernmost border crossing.

TOURING ALONG THE EAST-WEST INTERSTATE

- 1a Glendive
- 2a Makoshika State Park
- 3a Miles City
- 4a Pompeys Pillar
- 5 Billings
- 6 Bozeman
- 7 Butte
- 8 Missoula
- 1b Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument
- 2b Hardin

DAY ONE I-94*

Enter eastern Montana on I-94, traveling west through a land of huge ranches and extensive vistas. Plan a stop at Makoshika State Park just outside Glendive. Makoshika is a Sioux Indian word meaning "bad earth." The park has fascinating badlands formations and active digs for fossil remains of such dinosaurs as tyrannosaurus and triceratops. Then follow the Yellowstone River to Miles City—"cow capital of the west." History comes to life at the Range Riders Museum. Visitors may also enjoy the changing exhibits at the Custer County Art Center.

Overnight in Miles City.

DAY TWO I-94 TO I-90

Follow the Yellowstone River west toward the Rocky Mountains. The highway follows the route taken by Lewis and Clark on their return trip from the Pacific in 1806. At Pompeys Pillar, you'll find the only graffiti left by the expedition. Co-captain William Clark carved his signature on a huge sandstone pillar, which he named after Sacajawea's baby, Pomp. Shortly after I-94 merges with I-90, stop in Billings for lunch and a tour of the city. Continuing west, cross Bozeman Pass and descend into the Gallatin Valley and the city of Bozeman. There, catch the excellent exhibits and planetarium show at the Museum of the Rockies.

Overnight in Bozeman. (See "Alternate Route" in next column for Day Three I-90)

ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR TRAVELERS ENTERING MONTANA FROM SE ON I-90

DAY ONE I-90*

Entering Montana from the southeast, I-90 follows the Little Bighorn River through the Crow Indian Reservation. Plan to spend much of the day at Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Ranger-led programs are fascinating and there are gentle walking trails and a pleasant picnic area. A little farther along the interstate, in Hardin, Big Horn County Historical Museum displays turn-of-the-century farm and community life.

Overnight in Billings.

DAY TWO I-90

Start the morning with a tour of historic Billings, then tour the Moss Mansion. Get some fresh air while viewing the ancient rock paintings at Pictograph Cave State Monument, then reboard the motorcoach to Livingston, and a possible stop at the Park County Museum or the Livingston Depot Center. Continue west to Bozeman and the Museum of the Rockies' acclaimed exhibits and planetarium show.

Overnight in Bozeman.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

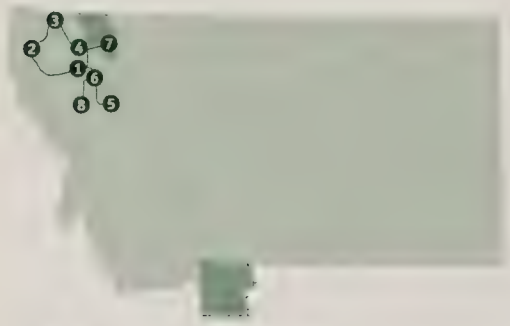
DAY THREE I-90

The interstate passes near the headwaters of the Missouri River and travels west to Butte. Visit the World Museum of Mining, ride the Neversweat and Washoe Railroad and view the interesting mineral exhibit at the Mineral Museum on the Montana Tech campus. The display includes about 1,300 specimens from all over the world. After lunch, continue west to Missoula. Visit the downtown carousel, the Wildlife Visitors Center or tour the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center to learn about the rigorous life of smokejumpers.

Overnight in Missoula.

*Interstate travelers will enter Montana from the east on either I-94 from North Dakota, or on I-90 from Wyoming.

KALISPELL OR WHITEFISH HUB AND SPOKE TOUR



1. Kalispell
2. Libby
3. Eureka
4. Whitefish
5. Holland Lake
6. Bigfork
7. Glacier National Park
8. Polson

Hub: Kalispell or Whitefish

Spokes: Glacier National Park, Bigfork, Swan Valley, Polson, Libby, Eureka.

DAY ONE

Tour the historic Conrad Mansion and then head for Flathead Lake at Somers for a boat trip on the largest natural freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River. A picnic lunch on the lake is a real treat. Return to Kalispell or Whitefish in time to visit art galleries, shop for "Made in Montana" products or visit The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort for a chairlift ride or chuckwagon dinner.

DAY TWO

Libby and Eureka are the main destinations today. Heading west of Kalispell on US 2, pass through the Lolo National Forest and into the Kootenai National Forest. Continue through Libby and turn south on MT 56 for a walk through the Ross Creek Scenic Area—giant cedars that are more than 500 years old and 250 feet high. Return to Libby for a visit to the Heritage Museum and lunch. Heading north on MT 37, view the Libby Dam and scenic Lake Koocanusa. Once in Eureka, tour the Tobacco Valley Historical Village before continuing south through the Flathead National Forest to Whitefish. A late afternoon ride up the chairlift at The Big Mountain Ski Resort for a view of the Canadian Rockies, Glacier National Park and Flathead Lake rounds out the day.

DAY THREE

Drive southwest down the Swan Valley to Holland Lake for a day of canoeing, rowboating, walks around the lake and an outdoor barbecue lunch. After a relaxing afternoon, head back toward Bigfork, home of many Flathead Valley artists, for a look at the Kootenai Gallery, a walking tour of town and an evening's entertainment at the Bigfork Summer Playhouse.

DAY FOUR

Today's destination is Glacier National Park. Once there, transfer to small touring coaches for the ride over breathtaking Going-To-The-Sun Road, and on to Many Glacier Hotel after a picnic lunch somewhere along the route. Reboard your own motorcoach in Many Glacier for the return trip to Kalispell over Marias Pass on the south border of Glacier National Park. Pause at the goat lick to watch for wild mountain goats.

DAY FIVE

Heading south from Kalispell, drive along the shores of Flathead Lake, viewing the beautiful Mission Range. Continue on to the National Bison Range at Moiese, home to more than 500 buffalo, and walk through the Jesuit Mission and town named for St. Ignatius. After lunch and a look at the many different birds at the Ninepipe National Wildlife Refuge and State Wildlife Management Area, drive north and follow the east shore of Flathead Lake for a new perspective on the area.

BUTTE HUB AND SPOKE TOUR

1. Butte
2. Deer Lodge
3. Bozeman
4. Helena
5. Virginia City

Hub: Butte

Spokes: Helena, Bozeman, Virginia City, Nevada City, Deer Lodge

DAY ONE

Visit the Copper King Mansion, home of William A. Clark, then move on to the Mineral Museum where approximately 1,300 mineral specimens are on display. After a lunch break, take a streetcar tour of historic Butte and visit the World Museum of Mining and Hell Roarin' Gulch, a reconstructed mining camp.

DAY TWO

Head west along I-90 to Deer Lodge. Here, take a tour of the Old Montana Prison and the Towe Ford Museum, the most complete antique Ford collection in existence. After lunch, visit the Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site, an early cattle empire whose home ranch covered 25,000 acres and controlled more than a million acres of land in surrounding states.

DAY THREE

Head east on I-90 to Bozeman, where the College National Finals Rodeo is held each June. In Bozeman, the Museum of the Rockies displays dinosaurs unearthed in Montana, and offers an excellent planetarium show. Stretch your legs on an easy walking tour of the South Willson Historic District. After a break for lunch, drive to Bridger Bowl ski area for a close-up look at the Bridger Range of the Belt Mountains and a short trek in the fresh mountain air. On the return trip to Butte, stop briefly at Missouri Headwaters State Park.

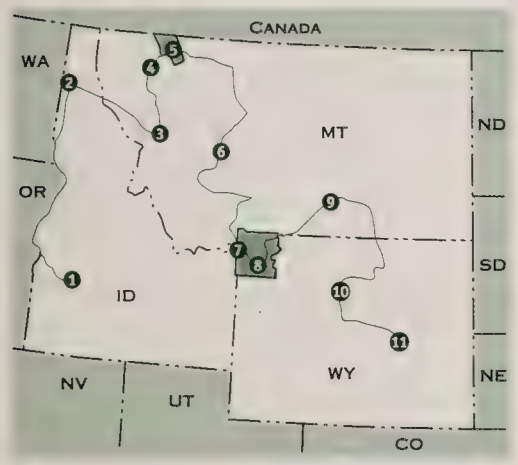
DAY FOUR

Drive north along I-15 to Helena, Montana's state capital. First, a ride on the Last Chancer Tour Train for a comprehensive tour of Helena, sampling some of her history and beauty. Later, visit other area attractions, such as the Montana Historical Society, the Original Governor's Mansion, the pedestrian mall on Last Chance Gulch, and the Capitol Building. After lunch, travel 16 miles north of Helena to the Gates of the Mountains and board a scenic cruiser for a tour of the Missouri River.

DAY FIVE

Leave Butte this morning and head for the restored gold mining camps of Virginia City and Nevada City, where the spirit of the Old West still lives. Activities in this historic area include a ride on the Alder Gulch "work" train, a visit to the Nevada City Museum, the Antique Car Exhibit and the Nevada City Railroad Museum. After a buffet–style lunch at the Wells Fargo Coffee House, follow US 287 to the Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park for a guided walk through the fascinating limestone caverns.

BEST OF THE WEST



1. Boise, ID
2. Coeur d'Alene, ID
3. Missoula
4. Kalispell/Whitefish
5. Glacier National Park
6. Helena
7. West Yellowstone
8. Yellowstone National Park
9. Billings
10. Thermopolis, WY
11. Casper, WY

DAY ONE

Start the tour in Boise, Idaho. After a tour of the city, head for McCall, Idaho, traveling along the Payette Scenic Route. After a stop for lunch on the shores of Payette Lake, depart for Hells Canyon for a jet boat ride to Copper Creek Lodge.

Overnight at Copper Creek Lodge.

DAY TWO

Start out with an early morning jet boat ride through Hells Canyon to Lewiston. Enjoy lunch in Lewiston, and then visit the Nez Perce National Historic Park. From Lewiston, travel to Coeur d'Alene, and board the Mish-an-nock for a cruise of the lake.

Overnight in Coeur d'Alene.

DAY THREE

Depart Coeur d'Alene for Wallace, Idaho, and tour the Sierra silver mine. After lunch in Wallace, leave for Missoula, Montana, traveling along one of the most scenic stretches of I-90.

Overnight in Missoula.

DAY FOUR

Begin the morning with a visit to the Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center. The depot has a visitor center, and offers tours of the parachute loft and training facilities throughout the day. Continue north to the Flathead Valley at the base of Glacier National Park, stopping along the way at the St. Ignatius Mission and then at Bigfork, where arts and crafts shops and galleries line the streets.

Overnight in Kalispell or Whitefish.

DAY FIVE

Tour Glacier National Park. Options include short day hikes through lush, green forest, scenic boat rides or float trips, or the spectacular drive along the Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier's famous "red buses," rollback-top touring coaches.

Overnight in Glacier National Park.

DAY SIX

Depart Glacier National Park for Great Falls via Browning. After a visit to the Museum of the Plains Indian, head to Great Falls for lunch with Lewis and Clark at Giant Springs Heritage Park (by special arrangement only). It's a 90-mile drive to Helena with a stop along the Missouri River for a boat cruise through the Gates of the Mountains. Dine tonight at Reeders Alley, a restored mining district near the downtown area.

Overnight in Helena.

DAY SEVEN

Following breakfast, head southeast to Bozeman. Activities and attractions in this city nestled in the mountains include wonderful shopping in the historic downtown district, and the Museum of the Rockies. Dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs unearthed in Montana, Plains Indian artifacts, pioneer exhibits and Western art are just some of the attractions. Leave Bozeman for the scenic drive to West Yellowstone.

Overnight in West Yellowstone.

DAY EIGHT

Before touring Yellowstone National Park, visit the IMAX Theatre and Grizzly Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. In the Park, marvel at the incredible thermal activity, spectacular canyons and abundant wildlife. Don't miss Old Faithful Geyser, Yellowstone Lake, the Lower and Upper Falls of the Yellowstone and Tower Falls.

Overnight in Gardiner.

DAY NINE

Leave Yellowstone behind, and head for Billings via the Beartooth Highway, described by former CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt as the most beautiful drive in America. Take a break at the alpine town of Red Lodge before continuing to Billings for dinner.

Overnight in Billings.

DAY TEN

Travel east from Billings to Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer Battlefield). After a tour of the Battlefield, head for Sheridan, Wyoming, for lunch and a tour of the city. From Sheridan, travel to Buffalo via various battlesites.

Overnight in Thermopolis.

DAY ELEVEN

An early morning soak in the hot springs starts the day. Then, on to Casper. Stops along the way may include the North American Indian Heritage Center in Riverton, Independence Rock (part of the Oregon Trail), and a boat excursion in the canyon outside of Alcova.

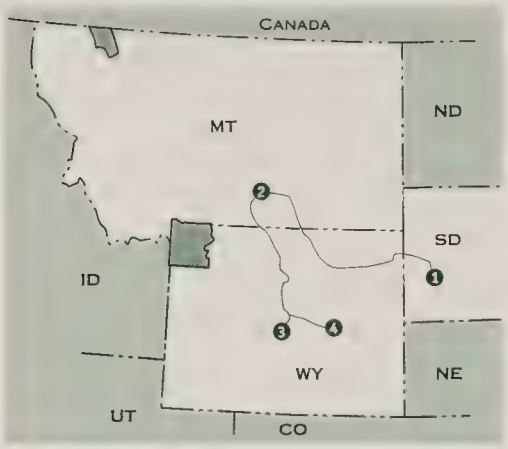
Overnight in Casper.

DAY TWELVE

After breakfast, enjoy a tour of Fort Casper, followed by a float trip and tour of the Casper area.

SAMPLE ITINERARIES

NATIVE AMERICAN TOUR



1. Rapid City, SD
2. Billings
3. Riverton, WY
4. Casper, WY

DAY ONE

From Rapid City, South Dakota, travel Hwy 79 S to the Pine Ridge Reservation, where, in 1890, the Wounded Knee Massacre took place. Pine Ridge was used as the major location for the movie "Thunderheart," which was loosely patterned after the Wounded Knee uprisings in the early 1870s. Points of interest on the reservation include the Red Cloud Indian School and Museum, where visitors can view an art show featuring Native American arts and crafts; the Wounded Knee Massacre site; the Oglala Lakota College in Kyle; the Porcupine Trading Post in Porcupine; and a stop in Pine Ridge.

Overnight in Custer State Park.

DAY TWO

Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and his 7th Cavalry were beaten by Sitting Bull's Sioux in 1876 on the Little Bighorn River in Montana Territory. The Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument offers tours and displays of the battle; The Trading Post, adjacent to the historic site, offers authentic Native American food, crafts, souvenirs and books. The Little Bighorn Battlefield is located on the Crow Indian Reservation. A step-on guide can show and explain the customs and culture of the Crow Tribe and tribal lands. Tour the new Native American Culture Center, and arrange for a special dancing and storytelling presentation.

Overnight in Billings.

DAY THREE

After an early morning viewing at the Pictograph Caves State Historic Site located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley, travel south into Wyoming and the spectacular Wind River Canyon. Every geological strata known to man is displayed in one 20-minute drive here. Continue to Thermopolis, home of the world's largest mineral hot springs, which was presented to the white man by the Indians with the provision that there always be a bath house reserved for Native Americans on the premises of the park. After lunch and an optional walking tour of Thermopolis, it's on to Riverton and the Wind River Indian Reservation, home of Shoshone and Northern Arapaho Indians. A native guide can show you the heart and soul of the reservation, including St. Stephens Mission, St. Mary, Sacajawea and Chief Washakie's graves, and the Wind River Trading Post. Meals can include Native American foods.

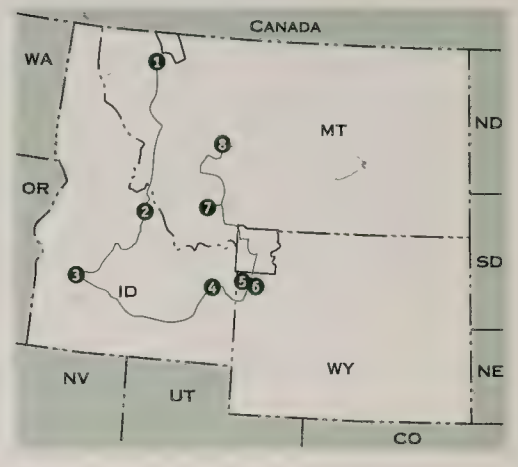
Overnight in Riverton.

DAY FOUR

After breakfast, parallel the ruts of the historic Oregon Trail ("First Road West") across high plains ranch lands to Independence Rock, which was considered the first major landmark for pioneers along the trail. See the names carved by hundreds of westbound pioneers in this huge granite boulder, and learn the history of the trail from a step-on guide. Enjoy lunch at the Alcova Lake Marina, and an optional pontoon boat ride through Fremont Canyon or evening tour of historic Fort Casper on the Oregon Trail.

Overnight in Casper.

WHITEWATER ADVENTURES



1. Kalispell/Whitefish
2. Salmon, ID
3. Boise, ID
4. Idaho Falls, ID
5. Jackson Hole, WY
6. Jackson Hole, WY
7. Virginia City
8. Helena

DAY ONE

Begin the adventure by experiencing spectacular Glacier National Park in a unique and exciting way - whitewater! Float the Middle Fork, North Fork or main Flathead rivers, all part of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River System.

Overnight in Kalispell or Whitefish.

DAY TWO

Travel from Kalispell or Whitefish to Salmon, Idaho, the birthplace of Sacajawea, and the location where Lewis and Clark crossed the Continental Divide. The Salmon River remains one of the few undammed waterways in America. Float the famous "River of No Return." Float right to your hotel room.

Overnight in Salmon.

DAY THREE

Continue southwest to Boise. Enjoy a dinner float trip through the Snake River Canyon and a visit to the World Center for the Birds of Prey with a step-on guide to describe the natural history and help spot the birds.

Overnight in Boise.

DAY FOUR

Spend the morning exploring the City of Trees and its many attractions. After lunch, depart for Idaho Falls. Take a detour through the 1,000 Springs Scenic Route, or explore the Oregon Trail as you travel alongside it.

Overnight in Idaho Falls.

DAY FIVE

Visit the Idaho Falls of the Snake River before driving east to Jackson, Wyoming. Jackson Hole's Snake River offers whitewater below town.

Overnight in Jackson Hole.

DAY SIX

Spend the morning exploring the town of Jackson Hole, and later take a scenic float on the Snake River at the base of the Tetons.

Overnight in Jackson Hole.

DAY SEVEN

Continue the journey north through Yellowstone Park and up MT 287 to Virginia City. Enjoy a whitewater raft trip on the Madison River through Bear Trap Canyon. This 10-mile section runs through Bear Trap Canyon Wilderness, a 6,000-acre wilderness managed by the Bureau of Land Management. Or, for a tamer float, try the upper Madison River, south of Ennis Lake.

Overnight in Ennis.

DAY EIGHT

Spend the morning reliving Montana history while exploring Virginia City and its neighbor, Ennis. After lunch, depart for Helena, Montana's capital city. Finish the tour with a relaxing barbecue dinner, and then a boat tour through the Gates of the Mountains on the Missouri River.

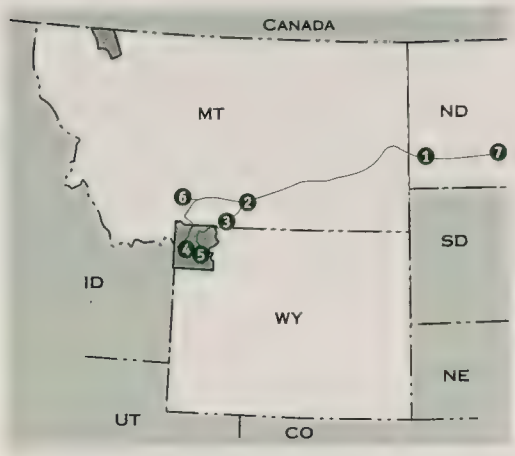
Overnight in Helena.

DAY NINE

Depart Helena for home.

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS: Stay in Kalispell or Whitefish for two nights, and include either an all-day or overnight float trip, or spend a day on the road in Glacier National Park. Or, stay two nights in Salmon, Idaho, and take advantage of an overnight float there.

THE CUSTER TRAIL



1. Medora, ND
2. Billings
3. Red Lodge
4. Yellowstone National Park
5. Yellowstone National Park
6. Bozeman
7. Bismarck, ND

DAY ONE

Start the day with a tour of the North Dakota State Skyscraper Capitol and Heritage Center on the capitol grounds. Enjoy a riverboat ride on the Missouri River aboard the Lewis and Clark Riverboat, followed by a trolley ride to Fort Lincoln State Park. Tour a museum, take an authentic wagon ride, and tour the On-A-Slant Indian Village, Fort McKeen infantry blockhouses on the river bluffs, and the Custer House. Return to Bismarck via the trolley and riverboat ride. An excellent choice for lunch is the Meriwether Pasta Co. on the shore of the Missouri River. Depart in the late afternoon via I-94 to Medora, the south entrance to Theodore Roosevelt National Park. Stop along the way at Painted Canyon Overlook for a spectacular panoramic view of the Badlands.

Overnight in Theodore Roosevelt National Park.

DAY TWO

Following breakfast, tour the Visitor Center and then see the park via a circle tour drive. Finish with a tour of the elegant 26-room Chateau de Mores, home of a French nobleman. After a chuckwagon lunch, depart for Montana on I-94. The first stop in Montana is the Range Riders Museum and Memorial Hall in Miles City, which houses one of the finest collections of cattle and cowboy lore. Continue on I-94 to Billings for dinner.

Overnight in Billings.

DAY THREE

Start the day with a tour of downtown Billings, then depart for the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument (formerly Custer Battlefield). The monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Return to Billings for lunch, then head west on I-94 to US 212 to Red Lodge, a charming alpine town nestled in the foothills of the Beartooth Mountains.

Overnight in Red Lodge.

DAY FOUR

Begin the day with a drive over the Beartooth Highway and enjoy some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery. This stretch of highway has been described as the most beautiful drive in America by former CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. Arrive in Yellowstone National Park at the Cooke City entrance. Finish the day touring Yellowstone.

Overnight in Yellowstone National Park.

DAY FIVE

Continue the tour of Yellowstone. Enjoy dramatic scenery, abundant wildlife, rushing water and natural thermal wonders.

Overnight in West Yellowstone.

DAY SIX

Depart Yellowstone by the West Yellowstone entrance. Before leaving West Yellowstone, visit the Yellowstone IMAX Theatre and Grizzly Discovery Center. Then travel US 191 through the Gallatin Valley to Bozeman. Tour the Museum of the Rockies, which includes dinosaur, Plains Indian and pioneer artifacts, and Western art exhibits.

Overnight in Bozeman.

DAY SEVEN

Bozeman to Bismarck via I-94.

EXPLORE THE LEWIS AND CLARK TRAIL

In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark set out on a journey that would cover 8,000 miles on their expedition into the newly purchased Louisiana Territory. More than a quarter of the journey was through Montana, much of it along the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers as Lewis and Clark searched for a water route to the Pacific Ocean and wrote of the splendors they saw on their journeys.

The Lewis and Clark journals provided a young America with some of the earliest accounts of the people and natural wonders of the west. Among the explorers' many discoveries are 122 animals and 178 plants, including the ponderosa pine, Montana's state tree; the cutthroat trout, Montana's state fish; the western meadowlark, Montana's state bird; bluebunch wheatgrass, Montana's state grass and the bitterroot, Montana's state flower.

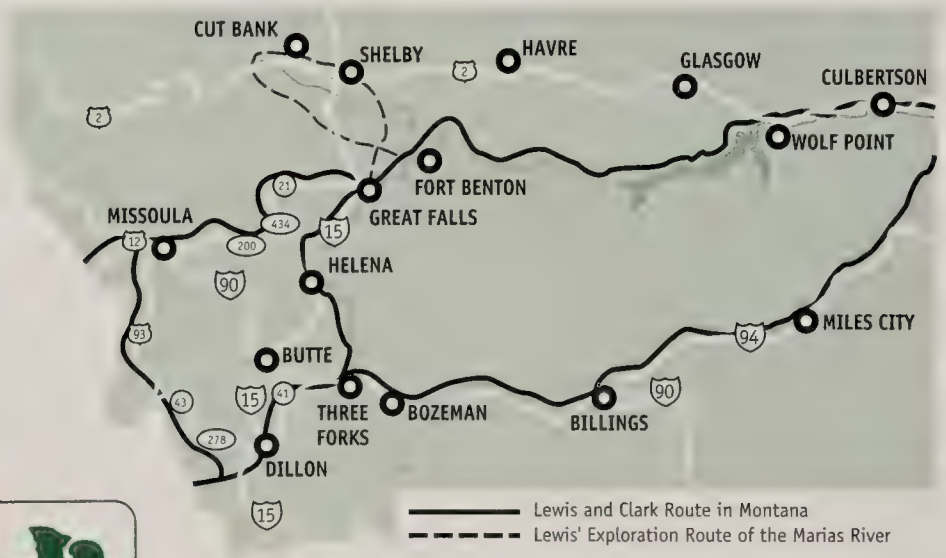
Some of the things they witnessed were so wonderfully unusual, it was nearly impossible for Lewis and Clark to convince others that what the two had seen really existed. Modern-day travelers can enjoy the unbelievably beautiful and fascinating on the Lewis and Clark Trail as they retrace the adventurers' historic steps. Interpretive markers at various points on the trail aid travelers in their appreciation of the trail's wonders.

Developed sites on the trail include the Missouri Headwaters State Park near Three Forks, where the Missouri river starts its long trip to the Gulf of Mexico, and where the Jefferson, Gallatin and Madison rivers meet. Giant Springs State Park, another stop on the trail, is home to the world's shortest river and future home (in 1998) of a national Lewis and Clark Historic Center.

Perhaps the best way to follow the Lewis and Clark Trail is on a commercial boat tour through the Gates of the Mountains near Helena. As the explorers traveled down this narrowing canyon, they thought they would come to a dead end, when suddenly the canyon opened wide providing a "gate." The scenery and opportunities for wildlife viewing are excellent on this trip.

Condensed versions of the Lewis and Clark journals are available at most bookstores, and can be used to retrace their journey through Montana. For site-specific information about the Lewis and Clark Trail, see the Official Montana Highway Map included with this guide. For more information, tour guides should contact the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation, P.O. Box 3434, Great Falls, MT 59403.

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS



LEWIS & CLARK IN MONTANA: THE MISSOURI RIVER ROUTE FOR VISITORS TRAVELING WEST ON US 2

DAY ONE

Traveling west from Williston, North Dakota, visit Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site for a glimpse of what life was like at one of the busiest fur trading posts on the Missouri River. Here, fur traders, frontier capitalists, Indians, European artists and dignitaries converged during one of the most colorful eras of Western history. Traveling west along Montana's Hi-line (US 2), you will have several opportunities to brush up on Lewis and Clark history as you parallel the route traveled by the Corps of Discovery up the Missouri River. Somewhere near Culbertson the expedition had its first encounter with a grizzly bear on April 29, 1805. Wolf Point is a good spot for a picnic, and what better place than Lewis and Clark Memorial Park, several miles east of town on the Missouri River. A visit to Fort Peck Dam & Museum offers the opportunity to see one of the world's oldest and largest hydraulic earthfill dams and the inland ocean behind it. A museum at the power plant includes an impressive dinosaur fossil exhibit and artifacts from old Fort Peck. This small community is also known for its popular Fort Peck Summer Theatre. The Glasgow Valley County Pioneer Museum has several Lewis and Clark exhibits. And Havre offers several historical attractions, including Havre Beneath the Streets, the H. Earl Clack Memorial Museum, Fort Assinniboine and Wahkpa chu'gn Archaeology Site. Turning south on US 87, Fort Benton is one of the best places to get a feel for the Lewis and Clark experience. Montana's official Lewis and Clark Monument, a riverfront statue entitled "Explorers at the Marias," depicts Lewis and Clark with Sacajawea and her baby. The Museum of the Upper Missouri

traces the town's colorful history as a busy river port and hub of trails to the Northwest and Canada. Several area outfitters guide float trips along the Upper Missouri Wild & Scenic River.

Overnight in Great Falls.

DAY TWO

Lewis and Clark put in 32 of their most difficult days in Great Falls, so you should plan on spending at least one full day here. The explorers expected to encounter one cascade and a portage of no more than a half-mile, easily accomplished in a day. Instead, they found five formidable falls and wound up taking two weeks to cover the distance they'd normally travel by water in a single day. Because of the significance of Great Falls to the expedition, the city has evolved into a major center for modern Lewis and Clark buffs. Visit Giant Springs Heritage State Park for its lovely picnic grounds, state fish hatchery and a living history program performed by the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard. First discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. The local chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is one of the nation's most active, and the city has been designated by Congress as the future site of a major Lewis and Clark interpretive center. Another must-see attraction in Great Falls is the C. M. Russell Museum Complex, which houses one of the nation's finest collections of Western art and history. Built on the museum's permanent collection of C. M. Russell art and memorabilia, the complex includes the artist's original log cabin studio.

Overnight in Great Falls.

DAY THREE

Head south to Dillon with stops at the Gates of the Mountains, Helena and the Three Forks of the Missouri River. The Gates of the Mountains were named by Captain Lewis in 1805. Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. Commercial boat tours take visitors through this spectacular gorge. In Helena, the Montana Historical Society is the state's leading historical institution. Highlights include the Mackay Gallery of Charlie Russell Art, which includes several paintings and drawings on the Lewis and Clark theme. The State Capitol also honors Lewis and Clark with grand

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artworks, including Russell's massive "Lewis and Clark Meeting the Flathead Indians at Ross' Hole." Other Helena attractions include the magnificent Cathedral of St. Helena, Original Governor's Mansion, Reeders Alley, Holter Museum of Art and Archie Bray Foundation for the Ceramic Arts. Lewis and Clark were well worn out by the time they reached the Three Forks of the Missouri at Three Forks. Missouri River Headwaters State Park commemorates the expedition's arrival, as well as the area's importance to Indians, trappers, traders, and settlers. The expedition chose to follow the westernmost tributary, in hopes it would lead them over the Continental Divide and into the Pacific watershed. Traveling up the Jefferson, Lewis and Clark passed right by some underground caverns but never discovered them. The Lewis and Clark Caverns, now a state park, are considered among the best in the Northwest. To the south along MT 41, Beaverhead Rock was an important landmark to the expedition. About nine miles south of the rock, the expedition reached its 3,000-mile mark. In Dillon, Beaverhead County Museum contains several items of Lewis and Clark lore, including a splendid woodcutting of Sacajawea meeting her brother, Chief Cameahwait.

Overnight in Dillon.

DAY FOUR

West of Dillon, Bannack is the site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862 and first territorial capital. Now a state park, it is an excellent example of historic frontier camps and mining towns. A walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade and the Masonic Temple and School. There is a visitor center with interpretive displays and video programs. Another historic site along the route is the Big Hole Battlefield National Monument, site of a major battle in the Nez Perce War of 1877. The visitor center has a slide show projected on a screen just above a panoramic window that looks out over the battlefield. On the Montana-Idaho border, you will cross Lost Trail Pass very near where Lewis and Clark did on one of the more perilous legs of their journey. One of their guides literally lost the trail to the pass and routed them over a trail more than a thousand feet higher than the current route. On September 2, 1805, Clark wrote: "We were obliged to cut a road over rock hillsides where our horses were in...danger of slipping to their certain destruction." An interpretive panel at Lost Trail Pass shows the historic routes through the area, from Lewis and Clark's trek to those taken by the Nez Perce and Generals Howard and Gibbon to the Battle of the Big Hole.

Traveling north through the Bitterroot Valley on US 93, several attractions invite exploration. In Hamilton, visit the Ravalli County Museum and the Daly Mansion, once the country estate of one of Montana's notorious copper kings. In Stevensville, there is St. Mary's Mission, the Stevensville Museum and the Lee Metcalf National Wildlife Refuge. Near Lolo, visit Traveler's Rest, where Lewis and Clark camped September 9–11, 1805, and June 30–July 3, 1806. On the return trip from the Pacific, the expedition separated here into two parties.

LEWIS & CLARK IN MONTANA: THE YELLOWSTONE RIVER ROUTE AN ALTERNATE ROUTE FOR VISITORS TRAVELING WEST ALONG I-94 AND I-90

DAY ONE

Traveling west from Williston, North Dakota, visit Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site for a glimpse of what life was like at one of the busiest fur trading posts on the Missouri River. Here, fur traders, frontier capitalists, Indians, European artists and dignitaries converged during one of the most colorful eras of Western history. Upon leaving Fort Union, follow the Yellowstone River to Billings with stops at Makoshika State Park in Glendive, the Range Riders Museum in Miles City and Pompeys Pillar outside of Billings. At Makoshika, picturesque formations sculpted by wind and water can be seen from turnouts that overlook a broad vista of badlands. Many fossils have been found in these badlands. More than 10 species of dinosaurs, including the flesh-eating Tyrannosaurus Rex, have been identified. The Frontier Gateway Museum is

also located in Glendive. In Miles City, the Range Riders Museum occupies the site of an old Army cantonment built in 1876. Housed here is one of the finest collections of cattle and cowboy lore to be found anywhere. Exhibits include a Fort Keogh replica, a carriage house with horse-drawn vehicles, a reproduced main street of old Milestown, a homestead log house, gun collection and cowboy artifacts. Another attraction, the Custer County Art Center, is located in Miles City's old waterworks plant. East of Billings, Captain Clark and his party arrived at Pompeys Pillar July 25, 1806. Clark pronounced a monolith sandstone cliff "a remarkable rock" and named it Pompeys Tower for Sacajawea's son. Clark carved his signature in the rock, the only visible graffiti of the trip that remains. Arriving in Billings, visitors can choose from several cultural attractions, including the Western Heritage Center, Moss Mansion, Yellowstone Art Center and Yellowstone County Museum, plus a wide array of shopping and dining opportunities.

Overnight in Billings.

DAY TWO

En route to Three Forks, stops in Livingston and Bozeman offer opportunities to visit two memorable museums, the Livingston Depot Center and Bozeman's Museum of the Rockies. Lewis and Clark were well worn out by the time they reached the headwaters of the Missouri at Three Forks. Clark also passed through here on his return trip east. Missouri River Headwaters State Park commemorates the expedition's arrival here, as well as the area's importance to Indians, trappers, traders, and settlers. The expedition chose to follow the westernmost tributary, in hopes it would lead them over the Continental Divide and into the Pacific watershed. From Three Forks, follow the Missouri north to Great Falls, via Helena, Montana's capital city. After a brief stop in Helena to visit the Montana Historical Society and State Capitol, head north for a dinner boat ride on the Missouri River through the Gates of the Mountains. This area was named by Captain Lewis in 1805. Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. This spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail.

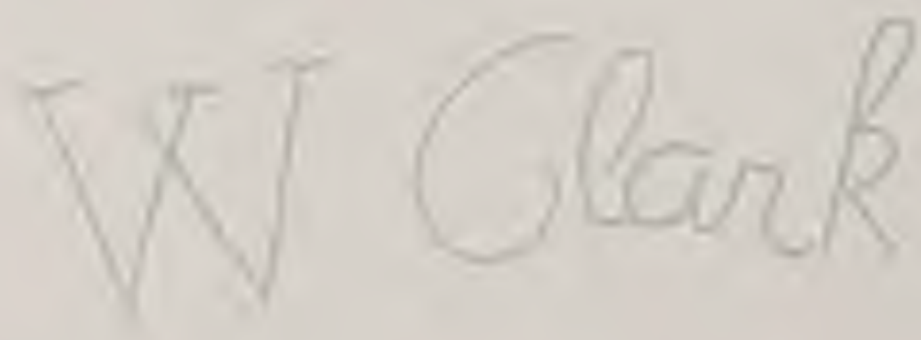
Overnight in Great Falls.

DAY THREE

Lewis and Clark put in 32 of their most difficult days in Great Falls, so visitors should plan on spending at least the better part of a day here. The explorers expected to encounter one cascade and a portage of no more than a half-mile, easily accomplished in a day. Instead, they found five formidable falls and wound up taking two weeks to cover the distance they'd normally travel by water in a single day. Because of the significance of Great Falls to the expedition, the city has evolved into a major center for modern Lewis and Clark buffs. Visit Giant Springs Heritage State Park for its lovely picnic grounds, state fish hatchery and a living history program performed by the Lewis and Clark Honor Guard. First discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. The local chapter of the Lewis and Clark Trail Heritage Foundation is one of the nation's most active, and the city has been designated by Congress as the future site of a major Lewis and Clark interpretive center. Another must-see attraction in Great Falls is the C. M. Russell Museum Complex, which houses one of the nation's finest collections of Western art and history. Built on the museum's permanent collection of C. M. Russell art and memorabilia, the complex includes the artist's original log cabin studio.

Head west in the afternoon along MT 200 over Rogers Pass to Missoula and Lolo Pass. This was the way Captain Lewis opted to return when he and Clark split at Lolo on the return trip east. Lewis and Clark Pass is somewhat of a misnomer since Clark never saw it. It is rarely even seen on Montana highway maps. Today, traffic is routed over the Continental Divide at Rogers Pass about six miles to the southeast. Follow MT 200 along the beautiful Blackfoot River to Missoula, home of the University of Montana, Missoula: Aerial Fire Depot and Smokejumper Center, Historical Museum at Fort Missoula, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation Wildlife Visitor Center, Missoula Carousel and, west of town, the Historic Ninemile Remount Depot. South of Missoula, the expedition camped at Traveler's Rest September 9-11, 1805, and June 30-July 3, 1806. On the return journey, the expedition separated here into two parties.

Overnight in Lolo.



SPECIAL INTEREST TOURS

Montana offers multiple opportunities for unique theme tours. Glance over the following ideas, or come up with your own. We'd love to help you design a specialized tour—just give us a call.

ADVENTURE BY RAIL

See Montana's natural treasures from the only train that spirits you through its magnificent Rockies— the *Montana Daylight*. For two, four or six days you'll be transported through craggy mountain peaks, alongside untamed rivers in spectacular valleys filled with wildlife, past historic towns out of Wild West history.

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The *Montana Daylight* is a spacious, well-appointed train featuring top-notch service and delicious meals on board. Seats are wide and comfortable, with plenty of legroom and unobstructed view windows. In Big Sky service, the dome car allows a 360-degree view of the surrounding countryside.

For more information contact:
Montana Rockies Rail Tours
218 Cedar St., Sandpoint, ID 83864
800-519-7245

TECHNICAL TOURS

Tour the facilities of a hi-tech research company, computer software development corporation, coal-fired electrical power generator, hazardous waste remediation operation, environmental protection and cleanup business, and resource development program. Interested in log homes? Try a tour that follows production, from cutting the trees in the forest to watching fine craftsmen fit together the notched corners of the house.

AGRICULTURE TOURS

Agriculture is Montana's number one industry. The diversity of crops and products offers many tour opportunities. Visit sheep, cattle and horse ranches, and tour the breeding, feeding and processing facilities. Learn about producing the world's finest wheat. Or check out the honey production at an apiary, talk to timber and sawmill workers, and walk through the fertile fields of an organic farm.

CATTLE DRIVE

OLD WEST ADVENTURES

Center around a weekend rodeo, then branch out for wagon trains, horsepack trips, ranch vacations and cattle drives complete with chuckwagon cooking. Visit a cowboy and pioneer museum, and drop a line into a nearby river for fresh mountain trout.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

Lots of options here through qualified, licensed outfitters who show you a vacation to remember. Choose from bicycling, river rafting, backpacking, horsepacking, mountain climbing, canoeing, sailboarding and working-ranch vacations.

EDUCATIONAL TOURS

Special historical tours follow the famed Lewis and Clark Trail. Or sign on to help on an archaeological dig and unearth a dinosaur. Want to know more about a specific region? We can find knowledgable guides for history, natural resources, wildlife, geology, vegetation—you name it—and we'll help find it.

WATCHABLE WILDLIFE TOUR

Montana has abundant wildlife and many opportunities to observe their activities and habits in a natural setting. From big game animals to rare trumpeter swans to curious marmots to lively songbirds, we have it all. Visit national wildlife refuges, float on a lake or river, tour a museum's wildlife exhibits and stroll down the walkway in a city park.

SEASONAL TOURS

Arrange your itinerary and activities according to the season, and take advantage of the best of Montana.

In **Spring** there's the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale and Rodeo, hot springs, the Red Lodge Music Festival, tens of thousands of migrating watchable waterfowl, spring skiing, low-country hiking and horseback riding, newborn wild and domestic animals, numerous city-based attractions and fishing.

In **Summer** there are festivals all over the state, scenic drives, floating and fishing, trail rides, hiking in the high country, fiddling contests, easy access to all parks and city-based attractions.

In **Autumn** follow the gorgeous foliage, watch hundreds of eagles feasting on salmon, view tens of thousands of migrating waterfowl, hike, enjoy city-based attractions, ride horseback, soak in hot springs, listen for the bugling of a bull elk and attend harvest festivals.

In **Winter** try skiing, Christmas festivities, winter carnivals, hot springs, local dances, city-based attractions and ice skating. Ask for our special Montana Winter Guide.

AUTUMN IN MONTANA

Autumn in Montana is a very colorful sight. Aspen trees turn golden, while rivers and creeks are lined with the bright yellow of large cottonwoods. Entire mountainsides burst into color as the larch's needles turn yellow, and shrubs and underbrush show many shades of red. Autumn in western Montana unfolds against the dramatic backdrop of the Rocky Mountains. Areas highly recommended for fall foliage viewing include all of Montana west of the Continental Divide, especially Glacier National Park, the Bitterroot Valley, Flathead Lake and entrance roads leading to Yellowstone Park. The general range for fall foliage is from mid-September to early November. Indian summers are common in Montana, bringing warm sunny days and clear cool nights. Some local fall festivals include:

HARVEST FESTIVAL
Belgrade, Chester, Missoula

HOMESTEADER DAY
Chinook

HUNTER FEED AND WILD GAME COOK-OFF
Ennis

MCINTOSH APPLE FESTIVAL
Hamilton

OKTOBERFEST
Glendive, Helena, Miles City

TASTE OF WHITEFISH/ WHITEFISH SUMMER GAMES
Whitefish

NOTES

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS AND MAJOR EVENTS

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Crown of the Continent. A million-acre wilderness national park containing more than 200 mountain lakes, nearly 50 living glaciers and more than 1,000 species of plant life.

GLACIER NATIONAL PARK

Glacier is the U.S. portion of the Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park, which straddles the Montana-Alberta border and is one of the newest World Heritage sites.

The weather in June and early July can be wet, with occasional rain or snow. The park is green and lush with blooming wildflowers, and wildlife such as bighorn sheep, mountain goats and deer are commonly seen. July and August are the warmest, driest months in the park. Visitors can see snowcapped peaks and glaciers, the ever-changing display of wildflowers, green meadows and jade blue mountain lakes. As summer turns to fall, the tamaracks, aspen, birch and subalpine vegetation change colors and migrating bald eagles occasionally pass through the area. Days are warm and nights are cool. Winter blankets the park with large amounts of snow and visitors can enjoy cross-country skiing and snowshoeing at their finest.

Plan at least two nights and one full day to explore Glacier National Park. Allow tour clients time for a boat ride or scenic float trip, time for a nature walk, time to soak in the quiet solitude that is Glacier National Park.

The main road in Glacier, and the one not to be missed, is Going-to-the-Sun Road, winding through the heart of the park, up and over the Continental Divide. The road is only 52 miles long, but plan a minimum three hours for driving time. Tours will include the Weeping Wall, Birdwoman Falls, Logan Pass and many spectacular mountain vistas. Because the Going-to-the-Sun is narrow and winding, the National Park Service has prohibited motorcoach travel on the road. The best way for group tour passengers to see Glacier is by transferring to the famous historic "red buses," which carry between 15 and 20 passengers each. In good weather, the drivers roll back the tops, allowing passengers increased opportunity to view the meadows, lakes and towering peaks. Plan time for photo stops and a rest stop at Logan Pass Visitor Center, and perhaps a walk along the Trail of the Cedars ancient forest. Your own motorcoach can deadhead around the south edge of the park to meet the group on the other side.

US 2 circles the southern portion of the park, crossing Marias Pass at the divide and following the Middle Fork of the Flathead River. A must on the 57-mile stretch of road between East Glacier and West Glacier is a stop at the Walton Goat Lick, where mountain goats gather to lick natural salts from the clay deposits.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The park is served by commercial air carriers at Glacier Park International Airport near Kalispell and Whitefish and Great Falls International Airport, by Amtrak at East Glacier, Essex and West Glacier (Belton), and by motorcoach via US 2, 89 and 93 (from Canada drive Alberta Highways 2, 5 or 6).

The park is open year-round. Concession service mid-May–October. The through road mid-June–late-October. Set closure of Logan Pass 3rd Monday of October. Minimum time: 1 day. Admission for 1997:

Up to 6 seats $30
7-25 seats $45
Over 25 seats $100

Rates subject to change for 1998 season. Call the park service for more info.

Limited services for travelers available in East Glacier, West Glacier and Browning. Full services available in Bigfork, Columbia Falls, Cut Bank, Kalispell and Whitefish.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Superintendent
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK
West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-7800
Internet address: http://www.nps.gov/glac

MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

GUIDED TOURS

One of the scenic highlights of Glacier National Park is driving the Going-to-the-Sun Road. The high, winding, narrow nature of the 23-mile central section of the road necessitates limiting travel. Commercial vehicles are not allowed on the central section of Going-to-the-Sun Road. Tour operators may take vehicles from West Glacier to Lake McDonald Lodge (10 miles) on the west side of the park, or from St. Mary Lake to Rising Sun Motor Inn (six miles) on the east side of the park. Commercial tour vehicles are permitted to travel all other park roads. Noncommercial vehicles traveling over Going-to-the-Sun Road's Logan Pass may not exceed eight feet in width and 21 feet in length, including extensions like mirrors and bumpers. Transportation on Going-to-the-Sun Road and to other destinations within Glacier National Park may be arranged on a fleet of 1936 rollback-top touring cars or via shuttle bus or Blackfleet Tour Van.

For more information, contact:

GLACIER PARK INC..
Dial Corp. Center
Phoenix, AZ 85077-0928
602-207-6816
Fax 602-207-5589

Scenic tours can be arranged aboard 1936 rollback-top "red buses." The tours are narrated, entertaining and informative. The cost varies depending on the length of the trip.

ROCKY MOUNTAINS TRANSPORTATION
Chief Executive Director, Dale Duff
1410 E. Edgewood Dr.
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2539
Internet address: http://www.vtown.com/rmtrans/home/htm
Email: rocky@digisys.net

Unique and original shuttle of three mid-sized coaches with air conditioning and large windows for viewing. All major trail heads are visited on a varied schedule. The way to see Going-to-the-Sun Highway without stress and hassle.

SUN TOURS
29 Glacier Ave., P.O. Box 234
East Glacier Park, MT 59434
406-226-9220 or 800-SUN-9220

Interpretive tours of Going-to-the-Sun Road from the perspective of the Blackfoot Nation.

SCENIC AND WHITEWATER FLOAT TRIPS

Whitewater, scenic float and fishing trips on the Middle Fork, North Fork and main Flathead rivers, part of the Flathead Wild and Scenic River System, are available along Glacier's boundaries. Trips range from half-day to five days, including lunch and dinner floats. Covered wagon rides and Western chuckwagon dinners also available. Group rates available.

For more information, contact:

GLACIER RAFT COMPANY
P.O. Box 218, West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5454 or 800-332-9995
Fax 406-888-5541
(NTA member)

GREAT NORTHERN FLOAT TRIPS
P.O. Box 278, West Glacier, MT 59936
406-387-5340

MONTANA RAFT COMPANY
P.O. Box 535M, West Glacier, MT 59936
406-387-5555 or 800-521-RAFT
Fax 406-387-5656
Email: glguides@cyberport.net
Internet address:
http://www.travelfile.com/get?glguides

NORTHWEST VOYAGERS
105 Wisconsin Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-5912 or 800-826-2724
Fax 406-862-1860
Email: nwvoyage@voyageurs.com
Internet address: http://voyageurs.com/nwvoyage

BOAT RENTALS AND TOURS

Daily scenic cruises of Glacier's most popular and accessible lakes await visitors. Many cruises are accompanied by park rangers. Special tours for groups can be arranged. Cruises last from 45 minutes to two hours, depending on the lake. Tours operate on a regular schedule from early June to mid-September, but can vary depending on weather conditions. Small rental boats available on major lakes.

For more information, contact:

GLACIER PARK BOAT CO.
P.O. Box 5262, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-257-2426

Scenic boat cruises at four locations: Many Glacier, St. Mary, Lake McDonald and Two Medicine. Rowboat, canoes and/or motorboat rentals at four locations: Apgar, Many Glacier, Lake McDonald and Two Medicine.

TRAIL RIDES

From one hour to one day, explore Glacier by horseback.

For more information, contact:

MULE SHOE OUTFITTERS
1885 Browns Meadow Rd. (winter)
P.O. Box 174, Kila, MT 59920
406-257-5009 (Phone/Fax)

Interpretive trail rides in beautiful Glacier National Park. Rides range from 1 hour to all day. Three locations in the park.

BACKCOUNTRY TOURS

Hike and backpack with a guide among the lakes and peaks of Glacier's backcountry. Join a group or have a trip made especially for you, choose from day hikes, comfy Inn hikes and extended backpacking treks. Equipment available for rent.

For more information, contact:

GLACIER WILDERNESS GUIDES
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MOUNTAIN GOAT

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH

An early cattle empire. A National Historic Site that preserves the buildings and activities of a successful, large-scale frontier cattle operation.

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant, a Canadian trader, settled in the Deerlodge Valley to trade and ranch. Along with his Bannock Indian wife, Quarra, and their large family, he prospered. In less than a decade he was running thousands of cattle, which marked the beginning of range cattle business in Montana Territory.

Conrad Kohrs, a butcher and German immigrant, bought the ranch in 1866. By the turn of the century the home ranch had grown to 25,000 acres and the ranching operation controlled more than a million acres of land in Montana, Wyoming, Idaho, Colorado and Canada. During a 25-year period ending in 1913, between 8,000 and 10,000 cattle were shipped to market by train each year.

Before his death in 1922, Conrad Kohrs reduced the size of the ranch. Operations were taken over by his grandson, Conrad Kohrs Warren in 1932. He was widely known for his Hereford cattle and Belgian horses. It was through the efforts of Warren and his wife, Nell, that the old buildings, their furnishings, and historic documents were preserved.

In 1972, Congress set aside the ranch as a National Historic Site for the purpose of providing "an understanding of the frontier cattle era of the Nation's history." The site is preserved as a working ranch by the National Park Service.

Today, the 1,500-acre ranch still has more than 80 standing structures, from bunkhouse row to the 23-room ranch house, carefully preserved with the original Victorian furnishings. There's also a tack room, ice house, barns, blacksmith shop, wagon collection, chickens, cows and horses.

GRANT KOHRS RANCH

Demonstrations of ranching activities take place throughout the year. There is no established schedule for these events but you may get a glimpse of these activities on your visit to the ranch.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Self-guided maps of the ranch are available, or a guide may be available to escort your group. A staffed visitor center houses historical photos depicting the frontier cattle era.

Round trip from parking lot to the ranch house is 3,000 feet over a paved trail. The walk around the ranch is approximately 1,500 feet. A wheelchair and special parking facilities are available for those who need assistance.

Open year-round, 9am–4pm. Summer, 8am–5:30pm. Special group tours and programs by arrangement. Groups should inform the ranch of their visit at least two weeks in advance. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $2 May–Sept only.

Full services for travelers available in nearby Deer Lodge.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Superintendent
GRANT-KOHRS RANCH
NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
P.O. Box 790, Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2070

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT

Battle of the Little Bighorn. A national monument with museum exhibits, an interpretive center and ranger-led programs, that commemorates the site of the Indian victory over Custer's 7th Cavalry.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD

Montana's Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument memorializes one of the last armed efforts of the Northern Plains Indians to preserve their ancestral way of life. Here in the valley of the Little Bighorn River on June 25 and 26, 1876, more than 260 U.S. Army soldiers and attached personnel met defeat and death at the hands of several thousand Lakota and Cheyenne warriors. Among the dead were Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and every member of his immediate command.

Although the Indians won this battle, they lost the war against the white man's efforts to end their independent plains culture.

The move west began when the Civil War ended. An almost certain result was encroachment on the Indian domain. Settlers showed little regard for the sanctity of Indian hunting grounds or the terms of former treaties. The Indians resisted. In 1868, at Fort Laramie, Wyoming, representatives of the Lakota, Cheyenne and other tribes of the Great Plains signed a treaty with the U.S. government, in which a large area of western Dakota Territory and part of eastern Wyoming was designated a permanent Indian reservation. The government promised to protect the Indians "against the commission of all depredations by people in the United States."

GOLD DISCOVERED

Just six years later, in 1874, gold was discovered in the Black Hills, the heart of the new Indian reservation. News of the strike spread quickly, and soon thousands of fortune seekers moved in on the region in violation of the Fort Laramie Treaty. The Army tried to keep them out, but to no avail. The peace agreement in 1868 was dishonored when the Lakota and Cheyenne, in growing defiance, began to leave the reservation. In December 1875, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs ordered them to return before January 31, 1876, or thereafter be regarded as hostiles to be "treated accordingly by the military force." When the Indians did not comply, the Army was called in to enforce the order.

The Army's campaign against the Lakota and Cheyenne called for three separate expeditions—Gen. George Crook's force from Fort Fetterman in Wyoming, Col. John Gibbon's command from Fort Ellis in Montana and Gen. Alfred H. Terry's troops from Fort Abraham Lincoln in Dakota Territory. These columns were to converge on the main group of Indians concentrated in southeast Montana under the leadership of Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and other war chiefs.

Crook clashed with the Indians in March and again in June. Later, the Indians moved west toward the Little Bighorn. In mid-June, Terry and Gibbon met at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Rosebud rivers. Hoping to find the Indians in the Little Bighorn Valley, Terry ordered Custer and the 7th Cavalry up the Rosebud to approach the Little Bighorn from the south. Terry himself would accompany Gibbon's force back up the Yellowstone and Bighorn to approach from the north.

The 7th Cavalry, numbering about 600 men, located the Indian camp on June 25. Custer, probably underestimating the fighting power of the Indian forces, believed it safe to divide his regiment into three battalions. By attacking immediately, he probably hoped to prevent the Indians from slipping away. One battalion of three companies under Captain Frederick Benteen was sent to scout the valley to the south. At the same time, a battalion of three companies under Major Marcus Reno and one of five companies under Custer marched along opposite banks of a small creek to attack the Indian village in the valley of the Little Bighorn.

When near the Little Bighorn, Custer turned north toward the lower end of the Indian

camp. Reno, with orders from Custer to cross the river and attack, advanced down the Little Bighorn Valley and struck the upper end of the camp. Outflanked by the defending warriors, he retreated in disorder to the river and took up defensive positions on the bluffs beyond. Here he was soon joined by Benteen, who had hurried forward under written order from Custer to "Come on; big village, be quick, bring packs."

Gunfire from the north caused men to scout in that direction seeking the whereabouts of Custer and his command. An advance company under Captain Thomas Weir marched downstream to a high hill, from which the Little Bighorn battlefield was visible. By this time, however, the firing had stopped. When the rest of the command arrived on the hill, it was attacked by a large force of Indians, and Reno ordered a withdrawal to the original position on the bluffs overlooking the Little Bighorn. Here, these seven companies entrenched and held their defenses throughout that day and most of the next, returning fire and successfully discouraging attempts to storm their position. The siege ended when all the Indians broke their great encampment and withdrew upon the approach of columns under Terry and Gibbon.

In the meantime, Custer had ridden into history and legend. Vivid accounts of the battle by Indians who participated in it tell how his command was surrounded and destroyed in fierce fighting. But Custer's intentions and precise movements after separating from Reno's battalion have never been documented.

In the battle, the 7th Cavalry lost the five companies that were under Custer, about 210 men. Of the other seven companies in the regiment, under Reno and Benteen, 53 were killed and 60 wounded.

The Indian losses were no more than 100 men killed. The tribes and families scattered, some going south, some north. Most of them returned to the reservations and surrendered in the next few years.

120 YEARS LATER

More than 120 years have passed, but the Little Bighorn battle continues to illustrate a part of what Americans have come to know as their Western heritage. Heroism and tragedy, brashness and humiliation, victory and defeat—these are contradictions people still come to the battlefield to ponder.

The battlefield and cemetery have been managed by the National Park Service since 1940. Park rangers are on duty year-round to help visitors understand the battlefield. Highlights of the tour are the visitor center, which houses many museum exhibits that illustrate and explain the battle; Custer Hill, a common grave and memorial shaft bearing the names of all the soldiers who died in the battle; Reno-Benteen Battlefield; Weir Point, the hill Captain Weir climbed hoping to locate Custer; Battle Ridge, where three of the five companies under Custer fell; and National Cemetery, a relatively small burial ground where soldiers killed in several Indian battles on the Northern Plains are buried along with servicemen of World War I, World War II, Korea and Vietnam.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The battlefield lies within the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana. The nearest towns are Crow Agency, three miles north, and Hardin, 15 miles north. The nearest city, Billings, is 65 miles northwest. The battlefield lies between Billings and Sheridan, Wyoming, on 1-90. It can also be reached from the east on US 212, which connects the battlefield to the Black Hills and Yellowstone National Park.

The battlefield is open year-round. Summer, 8am–8pm. Winter, 8am–4:30pm. Limited summer tour schedule. No advance group reservations available. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $2/person.

There are no camping, picnicking or overnight facilities at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument. Limited services for travelers available in Crow Agency and Hardin. All services in Billings.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Superintendent
LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
P.O. Box 39, Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2621

CUSTER BATTLEFIELD © VALINTINE ATKINSON

MADISON RIVER CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA

A visitor center with interpretive displays, at the site of a massive 1959 earthquake and landslide.

At 11:37pm. on Monday, August 17, 1959, one of the most severe earthquakes recorded in North America shook the area around West Yellowstone.

The quake measured 7.5 on the Richter scale and sent gigantic tidal waves surging down the seven-mile length of Hebgen Lake, throwing an enormous quantity of water over the top of Hebgen Dam. This water, described as a wall 20 feet high, swept down the narrow canyon. Fortunately the dam held against the tidal waves, although it cracked in at least four places. At about the same time, half of a 7,600-foot-high mountain came crashing down into the valley. The slide dammed the Madison River and forced the surging water back up the canyon.

It took eight seconds for 80 million tons of rock to fall to the valley floor 1,200 feet below. When it reached that point it was estimated to be traveling at 175 miles per hour. Four-thousand-pound cars were tossed 40 feet and smashed against trees by the force of the near-hurricane velocity wind created by the falling mountain.

Another shock occurred every 15 to 20 minutes during that night and the following morning. Some 250 people were trapped in the Madison Canyon when big sections of the road fell into Hebgen Lake.

The next morning eight smokejumpers were dropped with food and first aid equipment. They also helped prepare a landing spot for an evacuation helicopter.

When the mountain fell, it covered the unimproved section of Rock Creek Campground, burying several people. It was not feasible to move 80 million tons of dirt and rock, so much research was done to determine how many people were missing. It is estimated that 19 are buried beneath the rubble.

Two people, camped at the Cliff Lake Campground, were killed when two boulders (each weighing eight tons) came crashing down a mountain and landed on top of them as they lay sleeping.

MADISON RIVER CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA

The final death toll for the earthquake stands at 28.

In nearby Yellowstone National Park, 18,000 people were overnighting and most were on the edge of panic. At Old Faithful Inn, the fireplace and chimney crashed through the dining room floor, activating the sprinkler system. Water damage was substantial.

The only injury in Yellowstone was a woman who sprained her ankle jumping out of bed.

At Canyon Village, a guest left a note on his pillow the following morning for the maid, saying, "An awfully rough bear stayed under my cabin last night. Had an awfully hard time sleeping. Better tell the night man to do something about it."

To preserve the effects of the earthquake on the geology and man-made structures, the Forest Service set aside 37,800 acres of the Gallatin National Forest as the Madison River Canyon Earthquake Area.

GENERAL INFORMATION

The Visitor Center, built on top of the slide, open daily, 8:30am–6pm, May 24–Sept 24. On display are photos of the area just after the earthquake and a seismograph. There are also regularly scheduled talks about earthquakes.

Services for travelers are available in nearby West Yellowstone.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

MADISON RIVER CANYON EARTHQUAKE AREA

c/o Hebgen Lake District Ranger
P.O. Box 520
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7369

VIRGINIA CITY/ NEVADA CITY

Montana's Gold Rush Revisited. Two historic, authentically restored Old West towns with entertainment, shops, a working railroad and accommodations.

Montana's historic Alder Gulch, once the capital of Montana Territory, is widely respected for the authenticity of the restoration work carried out by the Charles Bovey family. Each year Virginia City and Nevada City attract thousands of visitors traveling between Yellowstone and Glacier national parks.

Located only a mile apart on MT 287 in southwest Montana, Virginia City and Nevada City are 85 miles—about an hour and a half—north of Yellowstone.

Original buildings, dating from the Territorial days, are filled with merchandise and implements used when gold camps flourished in the West. Boardwalks, mechanical music machines, a penny arcade, antique automobiles and even a two-story outhouse add to the Old West atmosphere. An old livery stable has been converted to an opera house where the illustrious Virginia City Players, Montana's first and foremost professional summer troupe, bring the house down every summer evening with 19th century melodrama and the Brewery Follies Cabaret Show. During the third weekend of July, Virginia City hosts the Victorian Ball, complete with instruction on the dances of the Victorian era.

Travel between the two mining camps on the Alder Gulch Short Line Railroad. At the Nevada City end of the line, visit the Alder Gulch Short Line Steam Railroad Museum with its collection of equipment and stock from railroading's gold rush era.

Dine in the Wells Fargo Coffee House or the Star Bakery and bend an elbow in the Bale of Hay Saloon or Gilbert's Brewery. Modern, overnight accommodations in a charming, 19th century atmosphere are available.

VIRGINIA CITY

GENERAL INFORMATION

Virginia City and Nevada City are open for tours between late May and mid-Sept. For overnight stops, groups are advised to arrive between 2 and 4pm and can be on their way by 8am the following day. All groups are greeted by a tour hostess. Minimum time: 2 hours per city. Luncheon tours need 3 hours. Admission charged. NTA member.

Limited services for travelers available on location. Full services available in Bozeman, Butte and Dillon.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BOVEY RESTORATIONS, INC.
P.O. Box 338, Virginia City, MT 59755
406-843-5331 or 800-648-7588

GOLD AND GARNETS

Pan for gold or pick garnets aided by an experienced assistant. $12/bucket, good for a small group. Also displayed is a gold dredge and numerous other mining relics. Located just east of Nevada City. Open mid-May–late Sept, 9am–7pm. Museum admission free.

ALDER GULCH RIVER OF GOLD
406-843-5526 (summer)
Bovey Restorations 800-648-7588

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Wildlife and natural beauty abound in this, the nation's first and largest, national park.

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

Furious volcanic explosions, crashing waves of ancient seas, grinding of immense glaciers, shuddering of earthquakes, wind and rain, storm and fury, fire and ice. Great natural forces worked together to create Yellowstone National Park, and the seething primal heat of the planet is still nearer the earth's surface here than anywhere else. The first white man to see Yellowstone was mountain man, John Colter whose reports of the park's natural wonders were ridiculed as lies. Exploration parties verified reports of spouting geysers, boiling springs, thundering waterfalls and gaping canyons. In 1872, Congress established Yellowstone as the first national park in the world. Old Faithful Geyser is the most famous of Yellowstone's 10,000 hydrothermal features. Yellowstone Falls plunges into the 1,200-foot-deep Grand Canyon of the Yellowstone. Wildlife wander through expansive meadows in the nation's largest preserve. Be on the lookout as you travel through the park.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Three of the park's five entrances are in Montana at West Yellowstone (US 287), Gardiner (US 89) and Cooke City (US 212). West Yellowstone's jetport provides commercial airline service during the summer months. Year-round airline connections are available at Billings, Bozeman and Butte.

The park is also open during the winter for cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and snowcoach tours.

Accommodations include five lodges, an inn, three hotels, cabins and extensive campground facilities.

Summer, May 1–Oct 31. Winter, December 15–March 15. Dates subject to change. Call the park service for more info. Minimum time: 1 day. Admission for 1997:

Up to 6 seats $30
7-25 seats $45
Over 25 seats $100
Rates subject to change for 1998 season. Call the park service for more info.

Services for travelers available within the park, and in all Montana park entrance communities.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Superintendent
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7381

Or the concessionaire
TW RECREATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
Group Tour Office
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901

Guided Outdoor Activities Offered by TW Recreational Services, Inc.:

STAGECOACH RIDES

Visitors board an authentic Concord stagecoach for an exciting ride through the rolling sagebrush country surrounding Roosevelt Lodge. The stagecoach replica pauses long enough to rest the horses and allow for pictures. Rides depart from the Roosevelt corrals several times daily and last 30 minutes. Season of operation is approximately June–August. Admission charged.

OLD WEST COOKOUTS

Delicious steak dinners are cooked outdoors and served under tall pines. Cookout site can be reached by horse-drawn wagon or horseback. Horses depart Roosevelt corrals each evening at 4:30 and 5:15, and wagons depart at 5:30. All guests return to the corrals by 8:30pm. Season of operation is approximately June–August. Admission charged.

SCENICRUISER RIDES

Boats depart Bridge Bay Marina several times daily for a leisurely cruise on Yellowstone Lake. This one-hour commentated tour includes a trip around Stevenson Island. Season of operation is approximately June–mid-Sept. Admission charged.

MOTORCOACH TRAVEL

Motorcoaches travel throughout Yellowstone National Park without restrictions. Step-on guides are available through many of the receptive operators and step-on guide services on page 96 and through the main concessionaire:

TW RECREATIONAL SERVICES, INC.
Yellowstone Park Division
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-7901

SCENIC AND WHITEWATER FLOAT TRIPS

ABSAROKA RAFTING ADVENTURES
US 89, P.O. Box 342, Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7414 or 800-755-7414
Fax 406-848-7560

Absaroka Rafting Adventures caters to individual needs and will customize trips to your specification. Enjoy an exciting, safe trip on the Yellowstone River, perfect for rafting regardless of age or experience. We have an excellent safety record and employ guides who are experienced and knowledgeable. May–Sept, daily 6am–11pm. $20/adult half-day, $45/adult full-day. 20% off rates for groups.

ADVENTURES BIG SKY
75 Lone Mountain Trail
P.O. Box 161029, Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-2324 (Phone/Fax)

Whitewater rafting and kayaking, scenic float trips, and mountain bike rentals for the outdoor enthusiast who craves excitement. Number one choice in Big Sky. Conveniently located at the entrance to Big Sky Resort. Open May 1–Sept 15, 8:30am–8pm. Whitewater rafting, Adult half-day/$39, Adult full-day/$71, Child $33/$58.

ADVENTURE WHITEWATER, INC.
310 W. 15th St., P.O. Box 636
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-3061 (Phone/Fax)
800-897-3061

Red Lodge area's only AAA-certified river outfitter. Stillwater River, rapids, Beartooth Mountain views. Oar and paddle boats. Family fun. Featured on ESPN. 20% off for groups, advance notice required. Open Memorial Day–Labor Day.

BEARTOOTH WHITEWATER RAFTING
217 W. 10th, P.O. Box 781
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-3142 (Phone/Fax)
800-799-3142 (MT)

Yellowstone Country's first and most experienced raft company. Located on the scenic Beartooth Highway, considered the most beautiful roadway in America. Half day and multiple-day river trips, fishing trips on the Yellowstone, Stillwater and Bighorn rivers. Open May–Sept, 9am–8pm. $25/person.

GEYSER WHITEWATER EXPEDITIONS
47200 Gallatin Rd.
Gallatin Gateway, MT 59730
406-995-4989 or 800-922-7238
Fax 406-995-3249

Specializing in group rafting adventures. Let us customize a trip to fit your group's needs. Barbecues, wedding parties, naturalist speakers—you name it, we do it! Open May 1–Sept 15, 8am–7pm. $25 to $36 depending on ages and size of group.

MONTANA WHITEWATER, INC.
P.O. Box 1552, Bozeman, MT 59771
406-763-4465 or 800-799-4465

Bozeman's raft company, located ten miles southwest of Bozeman, Western hospitality and adventure is what you will find from us. Full- and half-day guided raft trips on the Gallatin and Yellowstone rivers. Specialty trips include breakfast, dinner and horseback/raft combo. We take extra time for first-timers. Open daily, May 20–Sept 15, 7:30am–8pm. Rates depend on the trip.

YELLOWSTONE RAFT COMPANY
US 89, P.O. Box 46, Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7777

Whitewater raft trips on the Yellowstone River from Gardiner, at the North Entrance to Yellowstone Park, and on the Gallatin River at Big Sky, 55 miles north of West Yellowstone. Daily, half-day, full-day and evening barbecue trips available. We suggest smaller groups, but we can accommodate up to 80 people at once on the Yellowstone and 60 on the Gallatin. Scenic trips available on calmer stretches.

MOOSE WITH CALF

MAJOR EVENTS

JANUARY

MONTANA WINTER FAIR
Bozeman—3rd week in January
P.O. Box 3664, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-585-1397

Winter fair is a week-long livestock and commercial exhibit show with cattle, horses, sheep, goats, swine, llamas and rabbits. Competitions include a draft horse pull, team roping and sheep shearing. Food, arts and crafts booths, family day, lumberjack rodeo and various entertainment events. Admission $2 adult.

WOMEN'S WORKSHOPS
Whitefish—January and March
The Big Mountain
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2909 Fax 406-862-2955

Three days of ski instruction for women by women. Program includes lunches and special seminars. Rental and lift packages available. For skiers of all ability levels. Call ski school at 406-862-2909 for information and reservations.

FEBRUARY

BEEF BREEDERS SHOW & CRAFT EXPO
Miles City—1st Friday of February
2513 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-1804 Fax 406-232-3320

WHITEFISH ART WALK
Whitefish—The week before and after Winter Carnival
c/o Dee Blank
P.O. Box 953, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-7544 Fax 406-862-9494

An invitational exhibit where over 50 Flathead Valley and Whitefish artists display their works in store windows for two weeks preceding and following Winter Carnival. All Whitefish galleries serve wine, cheese, and refreshments for one evening. Multimedia fine art is represented including photography, painting, sculpture and mixed.

WHITEFISH WINTER CARNIVAL
Whitefish—2nd weekend in February
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501 Fax 406-862-9494

A three-day celebration of winter featuring a grand parade and royalty. Other exciting events include a torchlight parade, fireworks and ski exhibition on Big Mountain. Lots of fun is in store for the weekend including a royalty dinner, carnival brunch and dance, ice sculpture, skating exhibition, and cross-country ski races.

MARCH

BIG MOUNTAIN/DOUG BETTERS WINTER CLASSIC
Whitefish—Mid-March
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501 Fax 406-862-9494

Betters, a defensive lineman for the Miami Dolphins and approximately 20 linemen from NFL and CFL football leagues gather at The Big Mountain to ski and raise money for children's hospitals. Events include a barbecue dinner Friday night, ski races and banquet on Saturday, Sunday morning breakfast plus public appearances and autograph parties.

C. M. RUSSELL AUCTION OF ORIGINAL WESTERN ART
Great Falls—Mid-March
Great Falls Advertising Federation
P.O. Box 634, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-6453 or 800-803-3351
Fax 406-453-1128

Four-day extravaganza of original Western art featuring the work of the nation's finest artists. Event features two auctions, two quick-draw auctions, seminars, receptions, chuckwagon brunch and more than 100 exhibitors' suites. Admission $100. Exhibit rooms and seminars are free.

RED LODGE WINTER CARNIVAL
Red Lodge—1st weekend in March
Red Lodge Central Reservations
P.O. Box 750, Red Lodge, MT 59068
800-444-8977

DOG SLEDDING

Red Lodge's annual celebration of winter includes a Cardboard Classic Race, snow sculpture contest, carnival parade, costume contest, kids' events, Firehose Race, torchlight parade, fireworks and more. Events in town and at Red Lodge Mountain follow the selected theme each year. Entry fee for contests, no admission to spectate.

APRIL

GLACIER FIDDLE FESTIVAL
Kalispell—Mid to late April
Jeri Halford, Contest Chairman
675 Von Der Heide Ln., Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-3387

Over 190 contestants perform and complete in the third largest fiddle competition in the Northwest. The fiddlers complete in 12 divisions. A nationally certified festival.

INTERNATIONAL WILDLIFE FILM FESTIVAL
Missoula—1st week in April
802 E. Front, Missoula, MT 59802
406-728-9380 Fax 406-728-2881
Email: iwff@montana.com

1997 marks the 20th anniversary of the International Wildlife Film Festival, created and based entirely in Missoula. The annual festival strives to elevate the quality of wildlife and nature productions. The IWFF includes many special events for people of all ages: public screenings of the world's best wildlife films, seminars and discussions on wildlife/film making issues, awards ceremony, WildWalk Parade, Children's Day in Caras Park, WildNight Costume Party, WildStage (performing arts), social events and receptions, guided tours to nearby bird refuges and wilderness areas, wildlife still photography competition and display, wildlife art displays.

NILE BUD LIGHT CUP SERIES BULL RIDE
Billings—Easter weekend
P.O. Box 1981, Billings, MT 59103
406-256-2495 or 800-366-8538
Fax 406-256-2494

Two days of 45 of the top professional bull riders competing for a purse of $70,000. Televised on TNN. Ticket charges for reserve and box seating.

MAY

MILES CITY JAYCEE BUCKING HORSE SALE
Miles City—mid-May
Miles City Chamber
901 Main, P.O. Box 127
Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-2890

Auction of rodeo stock for the Northwest's upcoming rodeo season. Rodeo, wild horse races and street dance Friday and Saturday night. Three days. Admission charged.

STUMPTOWN DAYS
Central Ave., Whitefish—Mid-May
Whitefish Downtown Association
131 Central Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-9199 or 406-862-4438

Three days of live music, food and fun in downtown Whitefish.

WESTERN ART ROUNDUP AND QUICK-DRAW ART AUCTION
Miles City—May through June
Custer County Art Center
P.O. Box 1284, Waterplant Rd.
Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-0635

Artists from Montana and surrounding states celebrate the West through paintings, photographs and sculptures. The Quick-Draw is held Saturday in Riverside Park following the Bucking Horse Sale. A parade accompanies the 3rd weekend in May activities. Artists have half an hour to create a work of art that is auctioned immediately. Music is provided, admission is free. Barbecue lunches are available in the park.

WHITEWATER FESTIVAL
Swan River, Bigfork—Mid-May
Bigfork Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-5888

Kayak triathlon, farmers' market, races on famous class five Wild Mile Dam to village on the Swan River.

JUNE

BITTERROOT FESTIVAL OF AMERICAN WEST
Darby—3rd weekend in June
Darby, MT 59829
406-821-4770

Western stunt show; Bob Munden, World's Fastest Gun; Frontier Army of the Dakotas; Festival of Western Song; tales; music and art. Jackpot Team Roping and Open Team Penning. Admission for adults is $5 a day, seniors and kids $2.50, kids under 6 free.

BREAKOUT BLUE GRASS FESTIVAL
Deer Lodge—Late June
412 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2895

A one-day blue grass festival featuring 4+ bands on stage, concessions, food, crafts and more! Free admission.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND REENACTMENT AND LITTLE BIGHORN DAYS
Hardin—Weekend closest to June 25
Hardin Area Chamber of Commerce
21 E. 4th St., Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672 or 800-366-8538

Custer's Last Stand Reenactment is performed on an open prairie near the actual battle site. Over 200 reenactors relive the clash between Lt. Col. George Armstrong Custer and the Seventh Cavalry and Sitting Bull, Crazy Horse and their men. The Reenactment is held during Little Bighorn Days, a weekend of activities which includes rodeos, parades, 1876 Military Ball and an arts and crafts fair. Admission is charged to some events.

THE GLACIER INSTITUTE
Glacier National Park and Big Creek Outdoor Education Center—Mid-June to early September
Lex Blood, The Glacier Institute
P.O. Box 7457, Kalispell, MT 59904
406-755-1211

The wilderness setting of Glacier National Park and the Flathead National Forest is

LEWIS & CLARK FESTIVAL

ideal for groups. The Institute offers any combination of field trips, lectures, and accommodations to satisfy your needs.

HOT AIR BALLOON RALLY
Miles City—3rd weekend in June
Miles City Chamber of Commerce
901 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-2890 Fax 406-232-6914

The balloon rally attracts balloonists from several states. Burners illuminate the brightly colored balloons for an evening balloon glow. A progressive party, a poker run and a tailgate party are sponsored by the balloon committee, for the sponsors and the balloonists. Lots of fun.

LEWIS AND CLARK FESTIVAL
Great Falls—Last weekend in June
Lewis & Clark Interpretive Association
P.O. Box 2848, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434

From the black powder salute opening to the float trip on the Missouri, festival goers experience life in the time of Lewis and Clark. The encampment with meat cooking on the fire, men working on animal skin clothes, the clang of the blacksmith's hammer lets the visitors feel they've become members of the 1805 expedition. Educational seminar, children's day camp, nature walk and special historical exhibit complete the weekend activities. Admission charged for some events.

CUSTER'S LAST STAND RE-ENACTMENT

MAJOR EVENTS

MISSOULA SUMMERFEST
Missoula—June through August
Downtown Association
101 E. Main St., Missoula, MT 59802
406-543-4238

SummerFest includes such diverse programs as the free Out to Lunch at Caras Park performance series Wednesdays from 11:30am–1:30pm, free Missoula Band concerts on the lawn at Bonner Park Wednesday nights, Taste of Missoula, Microbrew Fests, the Hellgate Rendezvous Art and Craft Fair, Missoula Children's Theatre, Montana Chamber Orchestra, children's film festival, bicycle and foot races, weekly Farmer's Market downtown and special events and programs at various locations throughout Missoula. Admission charged to some events.

MONTANA TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
Helena—June 25-29, 1997;
June 22-26, 1998
c/o Don West
P.O. Box 856, Helena, 59624
406-449-7969 or 800-851-9980

New Orleans-style Dixieland jazz bands from throughout the country and Canada perform in six locations around Helena. Shuttle service is provided between jazz venues. Events include all-star concerts, Jazz Mass at St. Helena Cathedral, gospel service in the park, picnic, barbecues, arts and crafts fair and listening and dancing to the best jazz anywhere. The American Bus Association voted this festival one of the top 100 events in North America for two consecutive years. Admission charged. Arts and crafts show free.

PIONEER DAYS AND DIRTY SHAME SHOW
Scobey—Last weekend in June
c/o Edgar Richardson
P.O. Box 133, Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5965 or 406-487-5502

Pioneer Town consists of more than 50 buildings dating back to the early 1900s, situated on 20 acres on the west edge of Scobey. Pioneer Days is a two-day celebration that includes an antique car and tractor parade, pancake and sausage breakfast, concession stands and the highlight of the weekend, the Dirty Shame Variety Show. The show is performed by local talent and plays to packed houses. Admission charged to show and activities on grounds.

HELENA'S MONTANA TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL

RED LODGE MUSIC FESTIVAL
Red Lodge—Early June
Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 998, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718 or 446-1905

Twenty-five professional musicians from across the country gather for nine days of symphony, jazz and chamber performances.

SUMMER CELEBRATION
Fort Benton—Last weekend in June
c/o Connie Jenkins
P.O. Box 279, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3351 or 406-622-5166
Fax 406-622-3657

Three-day event featuring Art on the Levee, parade, fun run/walk, entertainment and other activities for all ages. Admission free.

TERRITORIAL DAYS
Deer Lodge—3rd weekend in June
c/o Harry Helton, Chamber of Commerce
1171 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2094 Fax 406-846-1943

Parade, classic car and street rod show, Jaywalker Jamboree (Main St. closed to traffic), concessions, pig barbecue, craft and flea market, dance/concert, softball tournament. Concert is $10 for adults, $5 for children 12 and under.

JULY

AMERICAN LEGION RODEO
Choteau—July 4
Choteau Chamber of Commerce
American Legion, Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5316

An outstanding annual rodeo that features many of the top athletes from the U.S. and Canada. The weekend also features a parade and a big name outdoor concert sponsored by the Jaycees. Admission charged for some events.

ARTS IN THE PARK
Depot Center, Kalispell—Late July
Hockaday Center for the Arts
2nd Ave. E. at 3rd St., Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-5268

A quality, juried arts and crafts show held in the center of town in Depot Park. Food concessions available.

ART IN WASHOE PARK
Anaconda—3rd weekend in July,
July 18, 19, 20 1997
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

Washoe Park nestles under beautiful Mount Haggin. Sponsored by Copper Village Museum and Art Center, 75 juried arts and crafts booths, along with 15 ethnic food booths and beverage bars, offer wares. Well-known professional entertainment is featured both days. Special children's games and booths are a treat for the little ones.

BANNACK DAYS
Dillon—3rd weekend in July
Bannack State Park
4200 Bannack Rd., Dillon, MT 59725
406-834-3413

Two days of period demonstrations and activities on the dusty streets and weathered boardwalks of Bannack. Muzzle-loading activities, pioneer craft and skill demonstrations, music, food, gold panning, buggy rides and more. Admission charged to state park. Groups of 30 or more must apply for a special use permit.

COWBOY...CHARLIE RUSSELL'S MUSICAL CELEBRATION OF MONTANA!
A Historical Outdoor Musical
Missoula—July and August
Deny Staggs c/o The Montana
Outdoor Theatre Project
639 Howell, Missoula, MT 59802
406-549-6527

PIONEER DAYS AND DIRTY SHAME SHOW

Visit the historic Fort Missoula to see *Cowboy,* set in a rustic outdoor ampitheater. Montana's own Charlie Russell shares the spirit of the West as he paints the picture of days gone by. Full of rowdy wranglers, dance hall gals and native rituals, this wonderful musical provides action, song and great fun for the whole family. The beautiful city of Missoula is located almost exactly between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks on I-90 and US 93 and is a great midway stop for any vacation package. Group rates are available.

4TH OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZA
Flathead Lake, Lakeside—July 4
Lakeside, Somers Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 177, Lakeside, MT 59922
406-844-3715

Giant fireworks display over Flathead Lake.

4TH OF JULY EXTRAVAGANZA
Laurel—July 3 and 4
Laurel Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-8105

Laurel goes all out for the 4th of July. Activities include a Legion baseball tournament starting on the 3rd. A street dance follows with live music, beer and wine coolers sponsored by Laurel Jaycees. The Fourth starts at 6am with a pancake breakfast served in Fireman's Park, a kiddie parade at 10am and Laurel Chamber of Commerce's parade at 11am. The Laurel Volunteer Firemen sponsor a barbecue in Thompson Park which includes games, food and swimming. In the evening, the firemen put on the largest fireworks display in the area.

4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION
Missoula—July 4
Historical Museum at Fort Missoula
Building 322, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801

Opening ceremonies at this annual celebration include a historical oration and American Legion drill team performance. Demonstrations and displays throughout the day feature fire and rescue teams, fire engines, antique machines, cannon firing, model railroads, fire lookout tower, one-room schoolhouse, book sale and food booths. A broad spectrum of stage performances such as classical guitar, clogging, square dancing, karate displays, choir and more are presented every half hour. Admission $1 per person.

FLATHEAD MUSIC FESTIVAL
Flathead Valley—Last 3 weeks of July
Flathead Music Festival
P.O. Box 787, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-257-0787 Fax 406-257-0788

Ten days of open-air concerts feature performances by world renowned musicians. Country, jazz, classical, and blues ring across Flathead Valley. Admission charged. Discounts for groups.

HELLGATE RENDEZVOUS ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW
Missoula—2nd weekend in July
P.O. Box 1053, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-2212

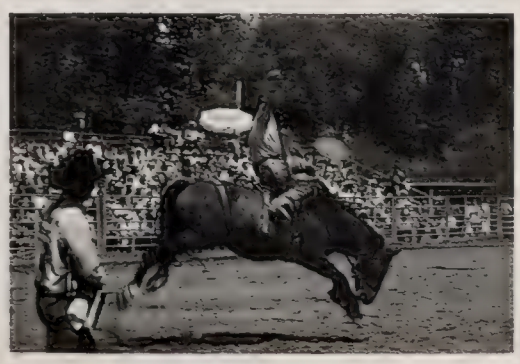
Held on the Missoula County Courthouse lawn. Arts, crafts and food with more than 90 participants from five states. Free admission.

HOME OF CHAMPIONS RODEO
Red Lodge—July 2-4
P.O. Box 1030, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1687

Billed as one of the great rodeos in America by *National Geographic,* the Home of Champions draws more than 400 of the country's top cowboys and cowgirls who compete for a purse of $30,000. Each day features a parade at noon and a PRCA-sponsored rodeo in the evening. Besides the usual events, the rodeo features the crowd-pleasing wild horse race and children's sheep riding. Admission charged for rodeo.

INTERNATIONAL CHORAL FESTIVAL
Missoula—July
c/o Al Pontrelli or Ann Boone
International Choral Festival
Missoula, MT 59801
406-728-4071

One of a kind festival of song including choral groups from countries all around the world including former "Iron Curtain" countries.



RODEO

LAST CHANCE STAMPEDE AND FAIR
Helena—Last week in July
c/o Fritz Smith
2045 Smith Rd., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-0185

This five-day event includes a fair, carnival, nightly rodeo, livestock sale and auction, farm and home exhibits and demolition derby. PCRA Rodeo Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Demolition Derby Sunday afternoon. Admission charged, group rates available.

LIBBY LOGGER DAYS
Libby—Mid-July
Libby Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-4167 Fax 406-293-3222

Four-day celebration including Montana Lumberjack Championships, carnival, Bull of the Woods competition, youth sawing events, parade, pancake breakfast, river raft race, coronation of Logger Days Queen. One admission price for all activities.

LIVINGSTON ROUNDUP RODEO
Livingston—July 2, 3 and 4th
Livingston Chamber of Commerce
212 W. Park, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-0850 Fax 406-222-0852

Three nights of rodeo with a parade, Livingston's famous "Indian hold-ups" and fireworks. PRCA rodeo draws 400-450 cowboys and cowgirls competing for $35,000 purse. Admission charged.

MONTANA GOVERNOR'S CUP WALLEYE TOURNAMENT
Glasgow—2nd weekend in July
Glasgow Chamber of Commerce
and Agriculture
P.O. Box 832, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-2222 Fax 406-228-2244

Contest open to 200, two-person teams. Weigh-in activities Friday and Saturday. Public Fish Fry at Kiwanis Park Friday evening includes entertainment. Admission charged for Fish Fry. Youth Derby Saturday morning.

MONTANA STATE OLD-TIME FIDDLERS CONTEST
Polson—4th Friday and Saturday of July
Polson Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 677, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-5969

Two-day statewide contest to determine the top old-time fiddlers in various age categories. Admission charged.

MAJOR EVENTS

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS
Browning—Early July
Blackfeet Tribe
P.O. Box 850, Browning, MT 59417

Indians from all over the country attend this four-day event. The celebration features Indian dancing, contest dancing, hand games, a rodeo, feasts and a parade. Admission charged to the rodeo.

RED LODGE ARTS AND CRAFTS SHOW
Red Lodge—Late July
P.O. Box 1053
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-2212

Watch for signs. Arts, crafts and food, with over 75 artists from the western states. Free admission.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN MAN RENDEZVOUS
Red Lodge—Last weekend in July
Red Lodge Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 988, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718

The 10-day Rendezvous is an authentic 1830s encampment on the edge of Red Lodge on Rock Creek that recreates life in the area during the fur trade era. Traders in camp sell authentic, historical goods. Adult and children's games and entertainment of the period and symposiums on topics such as backwoods skills are also featured. Admission charged.

STATE FAIR
Great Falls—Starts last Saturday of July
P.O. Box 1888, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-727-8900

Nine-day fair; horse racing, PRCA rodeo, professional entertainment, special events; livestock, domestic, arts and crafts exhibits. Features Thomas Shows carnival. Admission charged.

SUMMER AMPHITHEATER CONCERTS
Whitefish—Ongoing July–September
The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort
P.O. Box 1400, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-2900 Fax 406-862-2955

In the past, concerts have featured the Doobie Brothers, Shawn Colvin, Robert Cray and other well known performers. Outdoor festival seating.

CROW FAIR

SUMMERFAIR
Billings—3rd weekend in July
Yellowstone Art Center
401 N. 27th, Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6804

Summerfair, Montana's finest outdoor juried arts and crafts festival, features more than 100 artisans from across the country. Booths include watercolors, pottery, jewelry, blown glass, leather goods, willow furniture, wrought iron, wooden toys and accessories, weavings, photography and much more. Lively entertainment, ethnic and American foods, children's activities and craft demonstrations are part of this fun-filled event on the green at Rocky Mountain College. A benefit for the Yellowstone Art Center. Admission free.

WILD HORSE STAMPEDE
Wolf Point—2nd weekend in July
Wolf Point Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-2012

Three-day PRCA rodeo with a wild horse race as the special event of the rodeo; parades, street dance and carnival. This rodeo, which dates back to 1897, is considered the "granddaddy" of all Montana rodeos. Admission charged. Celebrating the 75th Stampede in 1998.

AUGUST

ANTIQUE WOODEN BOAT SHOW
Eagle Bend Yacht Harbor, Bigfork—Early August
Marina Slip Owners Association
257 Eagle Bend Dr., Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-2242

Over 30 boats from seven classifications including antique, classic, modern classic, contemporary classic, outboard, and non-power. Barbecue dinner on Friday, boat parade on Saturday, with seafood buffet and awards presentation in the evening, continuing festivities on Sunday. Admission charged.

BIG SKYFEST
Billings—Early August
344 Howard Ave., Billings, MT 59101
406-252-9355

Fantastic, magical, breathtaking. No script can provide the words that describe the sights and sounds of the Big Skyfest. It has it all! Concerts, balloon tour America races, exotic balloons, a parade, Meet the Pilots Barbecue, balloon rides, fireworks, the Children's Pavillion, the Skyline Glow, a midway, colorful mass ascensions, a chance to win two airline tickets and a beautiful closing ceremony. Admission charged to some events.

CROW FAIR
Crow Agency—3rd weekend of August
c/o Dale Old Horn or Joe Medicine Crow
Big Horn College
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2228

Six-day Northern Plains Indian celebration featuring Powwow, rodeo, parades, hand games, food and craft displays and world's largest tepee encampment (1500+). Admission charged for rodeo.

FESTIVAL OF ARTS
Electric Ave., Bigfork—Early August
Bigfork Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-5888

Artisans display their work and musicians perform all along the main street.

FESTIVAL OF NATIONS
Red Lodge—Starts 1st Saturday of August
P.O. Box 1068, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1905

1997 marks the 47th celebration of the Festival of Nations. Each day of the nine-day festival features a different nationality with its own cooking, customs, arts and crafts displays and music. The festival is a nonprofit venture dedicated to the close relationship and enjoyment of people of all nationalities and to the preservation of customs, music, food and crafts of the Old World and of Montana. No admission charged.

FLATHEAD RENDEZVOUS ART AND CRAFTS SHOW
Kalispell—Mid-August
P.O. Box 1053, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-2212

Held at Depot Park. Arts, crafts, food and entertainment. More than 80 artists from five western states. Free admission.

GREAT NORTHERN FAIR
Havre—2nd weekend in August
Great Northern Fair, US 2 W
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-7121

Six days of fair including carnival rides, local exhibits, school exhibits and 4-H exhibits, craft exhibits. Two nights of NRA rodeo action. One-night events include show of named talent, junior rodeo action and Jaycee's Demo Derby. Admission charged to night show and rodeos.

HUCKLEBERRY DAYS AND BLUEGRASS FESTIVAL
Whitefish—2nd week in August
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501 Fax 406-862-9494

Huckleberry Days is an annual three-day event with lots of family fun including arts and crafts, pet parade, pie-eating contest, huckleberry cookoff, treasure hunt, sidewalk sale, and a skateboarding event.

MONTANA COWBOY POETRY GATHERING
Lewistown—3rd weekend in August
P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436 Fax 406-538-5437

Poets from across the Big Sky state gather to share their talent. Performers include Montana greats Wally McRae and Paul Zarzyski. Western art and cowboy gear show, a museum-type display of outstanding cowboy gear and workshops featured throughout the weekend. A small fee for day events and larger fee for evening events.

MONTANA FAIR AND RACING AT METRAPARK
Billings—Mid-August
MetraPark
P.O. Box 2514, Billings, MT 59101
406-256-2400

The state's largest fair features eight days of animal events, free acts, exhibits, carnival, big name entertainers, professional rodeo and thoroughbred (pari-mutuel) horseracing. Racing continues each Friday and Saturday night and Sunday afternoon to mid-September. Group services include special seating, dining, tours and race wagering seminar. Admission charged.

NORTHWEST MONTANA FAIR
Flathead County Fairgrounds, Kalispell—Mid-August
Fair Board Office, County Fairgrounds
265 N. Meridian Rd., Kalispell, MT 59901
406-758-5810

PRCA rodeo, grandstand entertainment, exhibits, animal judging and shows, horse competitions and racing, carnival rides, demolition derby, commercial displays, and more! Admission charged.

POWDER RIVER WAGON TRAIN CATTLE DRIVE
Broadus—1st full week in August
Box 676, Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2350 or 800-982-0710
Fax 406-436-2388

Six days and nights of realistic cattle drive with covered wagons and longhorn cattle. Native Montana cowboy and cowgirl wranglers share Western history and traditions. All ages accommodated. Alternative dates available for groups. $1,350 for adults and $925 for ages 16 and under.

ROCKY BOY'S POWWOW
Rocky Boy's Agency—1st weekend in August
406-395-4478

Indians from all over the country attend this three-day event. The celebration features Indian dancing, contest dancing, drum contest, hand game tournament, youth rodeo, arts and crafts and Native American food.

SILVER BOW RENDEZVOUS ART AND CRAFTS SHOW
Butte—Early August
P.O. Box 1053
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-2212

Held at Father Sheehan Park. Arts, crafts, food and entertainment with artists from five states. Free admission.

SWEET GRASS COUNTY HORSE CUTTING COMPETITION
Big Timber—Early August
P.O. Box 989, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-4790

Horses, riders and trainers from all over the United States and Canada compete in the spectacular display of horsemanship. The cutting derives from the Old West contests of cutting a single cow from the herd and holding it away by practically dropping the reins and letting the horse do the work. Each year, celebrities such as Tom McGuane and Michael Keaton put their horses to the test.

TRI-COUNTY FAIR
Deer Lodge—3rd weekend in August
Powell County Courthouse
Deer Lodge, Montana 59722
406-846-3680

Parade, barbecue, judging, rodeos, exhibits, food and merchandise concessions, demolition derby. Admission charged to some events.

UNITED PEOPLES POWWOW
Missoula—Early August
Meadowlark Ventures
P.O. Box 7218, Missoula, MT 59807
406-728-2180

This colorful, exciting celebration of tribal cultures and Western history is focused around a contemporary Indian powwow with ongoing dance contests, exhibition and honor dances and intertribal dances. Includes an art and culture festival.

WESTERN MONTANA FAIR AND HORSERACING
Missoula—Mid-August
c/o Sam Yewusiak
1101 S. Ave. W., Missoula, MT 59801
406-721-FAIR Fax 406-728-7479

Annual county fair with five full days of activities including horseracing, commercial and educational exhibits, entertainment, demonstrations, 4-H events, carnival, three days of rodeo, demolition derby, bull-o-rama, nightly fireworks, food, fun and more. Held at the Missoula Fairgrounds.

WORLD CHAMPION PACK HORSE RACE
Big Timber—Early August
Packhorse Association
P.O. Box 1272, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-6121

Pack a picnic lunch and enjoy this original Montana event. Competition begins with timed "packing up," a very important part of the race and then racing on horseback across rough mountain terrain leading the pack horse. No admission to spectate.

SEPTEMBER

THE CHOKECHERRY FESTIVAL
Lewistown—1st Saturday following Labor Day
P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436 Fax 406-538-5437

Lewistown celebrates its title as the "Chokecherry Capital of Montana," with a pancake breakfast, 5k and 1k races, pit-spitting contest, arts and crafts and "The Taste of Lewistown," a creekside gathering of local restauranteurs. The day comes to a close with the Chokecherry Ball.

DILLON JAYCEES RODEO
Dillon—Labor Day weekend
Dillon Jaycees
P.O. Box 334, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5771

Billed as "Montana's Biggest Weekend," this PRCA rodeo on Sunday and Monday also features top-name Monday evening entertainment. Past performers include George Strait, the Oak Ridge Boys, Vince Gill, Eddie Rabbit, Charlie Pride and more. Included is the Miss Rodeo Montana contest, a parade and free barbecue after the rodeo on Sunday for rodeo ticket holders. Night life in Dillon on this weekend could be a scene out of the Old West. Admission charged.

FLATHEAD INTERNATIONAL BALLOON FESTIVAL
Kalispell, Mid-September
Flathead Convention & Visitor Association
15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
800-543-3105 or 406-756-9091

The festival features 20-30 hot air balloons from around the country and Canada. Balloon launches and a delicious pancake breakfast both Saturday and Sunday morning. A launch, skydivers, balloon glow-off, and mouthwatering barbecue accompanied by live entertainment Saturday evening. Check out the county fair with arts and crafts, carnival games and activities, food concessions and lots of music.

GREAT FALLS TRADITIONAL JAZZ FESTIVAL
Great Falls—Labor Day weekend
c/o Don West
P.O. Box 856, Helena, MT 59624
406-449-7969 or 800-851-9980

Four days and nights of exciting Ragtime and Dixieland music performed by bands from Montana and throughout the country and Canada. Listening, dancing, Jazz Mass at St. Ann's Cathedra, gospel service. Costume contest and umbrella parade.

HAVRE FESTIVAL DAYS
Havre—3rd weekend in September
Havre Chamber of Commerce
Box 308, Havre, MT 59501
406-265-4383

A Saturday filled with activities including a parade, craft show, art show, pet and doll parade, country poet gathering, quilt show, doll show, bed race, old car show and a dance. Sunday, in the park, enjoy live local entertainment, pie social, barbecue and games for the kids.

HERBSTFEST
Laurel—4th week in September
Laurel Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-8105

Two-day authentic Oktoberfest celebration. Activities include a parade, a pageant featuring actors depicting the old German lifestyle in plays and singing, hours of dancing and entertainment, festhalle, bierstube and food booths. There is plenty of parking for buses in the high school parking lot, where the plays, food and bierstube are located. Admission charged for some events.

LIBBY NORDICFEST
Libby—2nd weekend in September
P.O. Box 791, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-8573 or 406-293-4124

Three days of authentic Scandinavian food, crafts and music against a background of golden autumn leaves, rugged mountains, forest, lakes and streams in northwest Montana. Juried craft show, quilt show, parade, food booths and continuous free entertainment. Admission charged for meals, melodrama and some featured entertainment events.

TASTE OF WHITEFISH/WHITEFISH SUMMER GAMES
Whitefish—2nd week in September
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501 Fax 406-862-9494

Over twenty different sports events combine with a culinary extravaganza: an open air festival featuring tastes from nearly two dozen food and beverage crafters. Live entertainment provides the backdrop for this food fantasy. Sports events run the gamut from bicycling to softball. Fee charged for dinner ticket.

THRESHING BEE AND ANTIQUE SHOW
Culbertson—4th weekend in September
c/o Rodney M. Iverson
P.O. Box 168, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-5265

Two-day celebration and antique show featuring contests, music jamboree, antique exhibit and largest display of old-time tractors and farm equipment in the Northwest. Admission charged.

WESTERN ART SHOW AND AUCTION
Best Western Outlaw Inn, Kalispell—Early September
1701 US 93 S, Kalispell, MT 59901
406-755-6100

Original art with over 50 exhibiting artists. Saturday auction preceded by quick draw demonstrations.

OCTOBER

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION
Kalispell—4th weekend in October
c/o Lynn Redfield
P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-2166

The Conrad Mansion is decorated inside and out for Christmas and 50 Flathead Valley artists and craftspeople set up shop to sell their Made in Montana merchandise. Live entertainment and baked goods are also featured. The highlight of the bazaar is the two-story Christmas tree decorated with Victorian ornaments. Admission charged.

GLACIER JAZZ STAMPEDE
Kalispell—Early to mid-October
Glacier Jazz Stampede
P.O. Box 9524, Kalispell, MT 59904
406-862-3814

A smorgasbord of jazz featuring Dixieland, Ragtime, Swing, Modern Big Band, Latin, Zydeco and more! The festival is held at Kalispell's finest venues. Come and hear some of the best jazz artists in the west and enjoy the majestic scenery of the Flathead Valley!

NORTHERN INTERNATIONAL LIVESTOCK EXPOSITION AND RODEO
Billings—October 11-18, 1997; October 10-17, 1998
P.O. Box 1981, Billings, MT 59103
406-256-2495

A week-long celebration of Western tradition. This international event combines five big performances of professional rodeo with the annual trade show, livestock shows, sales and entertainment. From the gentle giants of draft horse show, to the elegance of llamas, to the skilled working cattle dog competitions, the NILE Stock Show and Rodeo offers fun, entertainment and business each October. Group ticket packages available by contacting NILE.

TAMARACK TIME!
Bigfork—Mid-October on a Saturday
c/o Elna Darrow
P.O. Box 400, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4848 Fax 406-837-6730

When the tamarack trees have turned golden, it's time for Bigfork to celebrate the harvest at the one-day Tamarack Time! festival. Scarecrow contest, raptor demo. A myriad of local home-prepared recipes are exhibited on the street downtown for sampling. $3 tasting fee.

NOVEMBER

ANACONDA CHRISTMAS STROLL
Anaconda—Friday after Thanksgiving
Anaconda Chamber of Commerce
306 E. Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2400 (Phone/Fax)

The evening begins with Anaconda's annual tree lighting ceremony at the Kennedy Commons. Santa leads the children's parade to the Visitors Center in downtown Anaconda where the children receive free candy and hot chocolate. The local merchants sponsor a live mannequin contest and prize giveaways.

BALD EAGLE/SALMON GATHERING
Helena—Mid-November to mid-December
For viewing information: Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks
1420 E. 6th Ave., P.O. Box 200701
Helena, MT 59620-0701
406-444-1276 or 406-444-3750
Fax 406-444-4952

Migrating bald eagles stop each fall to feed on spawning salmon in the Missouri River. Populations reach more than 250 eagles along a short stretch of river and include both immature and mature eagles.

BALD EAGLE

HOLIDAY FAIR
Anaconda—late November
City Hall Center
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

A fall holiday festival held annually. Sponsored by Copper Village Museum and Art Center; 30 arts and crafts booths; homemade soups, breads and baked goods.

MISSOULA RENAISSANCE FAIR
Missoula—Thanksgiving through Christmas weekend
Downtown Association
101 E. Main St., Missoula, MT 59801
406-543-4238

Renaissance Fair features artists and craftspeople from four states and entertainment at the Holiday Inn Missoula Parkside. Other Missoula events include Holiday Stroll, Santa's Arrival downtown, Holiday Fashion Show and First Night Missoula, a New Year's Eve celebration.

DECEMBER

CHRISTMAS AT THE MANSION
Butte—mid-December
Copper King Mansion
219 W. Granite St., Butte, MT 59701
406-782-7580

Celebrate the yuletide season in the beautifully decorated Copper King Mansion. Have your Christmas party in one of the banquet rooms at the Copper King Mansion. Make reservations early. A year-round bed and breakfast certified by the Montana Bed and Breakfast Association.

CHRISTMAS EVE TORCHLIGHT PARADE AND NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTIES
Big Sky—Dec. 24 and Dec. 31
Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort
#1 Lone Mountain Trail
P.O. Box 160001, Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486
Fax 406-995-5001

Join Santa and lots of his volunteer elves as they wind their way down the ski hill bearing torches for onlookers to enjoy. When Santa arrives at the bottom of the hill, he'll be bearing treats for all the kids. On New Year's Eve, two balls take place, one in the Missouri Ballroom, the other at the Whiskey Jack. Both feature beautiful big dinners and live music to dance away until the wee hours. At midnight, watch over the hill for big fireworks display.

ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION CHRISTMAS TOUR
Helena—Early December
c/o Susan Near
Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, P.O. Box 201201
Helena, MT 59620-1201
406-444-2694 Fax 406-444-2696

Each year the mansion, located at 304 N. Ewing, is decorated with authentic holiday decorations to historically depict a year or period in Montana history. In addition, four historic homes in Helena are decorated and opened to the public. Admission charged. Proceeds benefit mansion restoration projects.

WHITEFISH CHRISTMAS STROLL
Whitefish—2nd Friday in December
Whitefish Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501 Fax 406-862-9494

An evening of old fashioned cheer. Enjoy the holiday ambience of charming Central Avenue, sleigh rides, chestnuts roasting on an open fire, and Christmas carolling.

MAJOR EVENTS

NOTES

CITIES AND ATTRACTIONS

ANACONDA

SW Montana, nine miles off I-90 W of Butte, on MT 1

Population– 10,278

ANACONDA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
306 E. Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2400 (Phone/Fax)

This town sprang up when the giant Anaconda Copper Mining Company of Butte needed a smelter for its vast amounts of copper ore. "Copper King" Marcus Daly chose the site in 1882 because of the ample supply of water and limestone nearby.

In 1980, the Anaconda Company shut down its smelter operation in Anaconda, putting an end to its historic economic base. The idle smokestack, which can be seen from the interstate, stands more than 585 feet high and measures 86 feet in diameter at the base. It is the tallest free-standing masonry structure in the world. The stack was declared a state monument by the 1985 Montana Legislature.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

OLD CITY HALL COPPER VILLAGE MUSEUM AND ART CENTER
401 E. Commercial, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2422

Built in 1895 of local materials, the Anaconda City Hall was the finest city hall in the Northwest. It housed all city government offices, the fire engine house and the police department. Renovated in 1982, the hall now houses a history museum, archives, an art gallery with changing exhibits, and shops. The museum displays include smelter memorabilia, turn-of-the-century clothing, furniture and a pharmacy.

Open year-round, June–Aug, Tues–Sat 10am–6pm. Sept–May, Tues–Sat 1–4pm.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

DISCOVERY BASIN SKI AREA
P.O. Box 221, Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2184 Fax 406-563-7036

Discovery is located off Montana 1 just 10 miles from Georgetown Lake. Discovery is a good place for the entire family to enjoy downhill skiing. It is serviced by three doubles and one triple chairlift. There are more than 160 acres of trails with a total vertical drop of 1,300 feet. Discovery provides a separate beginner area and easy slopes for new skiers. For the experts the north side of the mountain offers more than 10 trails of extreme skiing. Instruction is available for adults and children with special kinderski classes for new skiers 3-6 years old.

LOST CREEK STATE PARK
1.5 miles E of Anaconda on MT 1, .5 mile N on Secondary 273, then 8 miles W
406-542-5500 Fax 406-542-5529

A scenic recreation and camping area with a short walking trail to Lost Creek Falls and spectacular limestone cliffs that rise 1,200 feet above the canyon floor. Popular viewing area for mountain goats and bighorn sheep.

Open May 1–Nov 30.

PINTLER SCENIC ROUTE
Encompasses 62 miles of MT 1 off I-90

This highway takes you over mountain passes to Anaconda and Philipsburg and along the shores of scenic Georgetown Lake. The peaks of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness form the backdrop. Georgetown Lake recreation area is a favorite spot for fishing and boating. Boat rentals are available. Off the Pintler Scenic Route are mining ghost towns, and St. Timothy's Chapel, a non-denominational chapel that overlooks Georgetown Lake.

VINTAGE BUS TOUR
306 E. Park St., Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2400 (Phone/Fax)

Tour historic Anaconda in a vintage 1936 White bus. This bus was originally used by the Anaconda Company to transport visitors through the copper smelter. Passengers view historic buildings and learn of the city's history.

Tours depart from the visitors center twice daily, Memorial Day–Labor Day.

WASHOE PARK AND STATE FISH HATCHERY
City Park, 600 W. Pennsylvania
Anaconda, MT 59711
406-563-2531

Relax and have fun in beautiful Washoe Park with its outdoor swimming pool, baseball field, tennis courts, playground and picnic areas.

Washoe Park Trout Hatchery, the state's oldest, is located at the east end of the park. The hatchery is the home of our state fish, the cutthroat trout. It is presently undergoing a major renovation; displays are limited. Work is expected to be completed sometime in late 1997. Walk through self-guided tours or guided tours by special arrangement.

Open year-round, 8am–5pm. Fish spawning weekly, May–June. Admission free.

BIGFORK/ FLATHEAD VALLEY

NE shore of Flathead Lake

Population– 2,080

BIGFORK AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 237, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-5888 Fax 406-837-5808

This year-round resort hamlet and artists' haven is nestled on picturesque Bigfork Bay. Situated near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and The Big Mountain Ski and Summer Resort. The unhurried pace of village life provides leisurely opportunities for strolling, fine dining and shopping. Arts and crafts shops and galleries line the streets and delight browsers. Located in the community is the impressive and challenging Eagle Bend Golf Course. The Bigfork Playhouse is celebrating its 37th year of presenting musicals and plays. Bigfork is the gateway to the 91-mile Seeley-Swan Highway, MT 83. "The Swan" runs between two majestic mountain ranges, past pristine lakes and heavily wooded slopes.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, sailing, resort cottages, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country snowmobiling and skiing.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

ATTRACTIONS

BIGFORK SUMMER PLAYHOUSE
526 Electric Ave.
P.O. Box 456, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-837-4886

This summer stock theater produces Broadway musicals in repertory. Their fast-paced, light singing, dancing and acting provide great family entertainment. Past performances include *Fiddler On The Roof, My Fair Lady, Sound of Music, Annie Get Your Gun* and *The Music Man.*

Late May–Labor Day weekend, Mon–Sat 8:30pm. Reservations must be made in advance. Discount rates for groups of 15 or more are available Mon–Wed evenings.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CLASSIC CRUISIN' CHARTERS
Marina Cay Resort, Bigfork
Mailing: 329 Main St. SW.
Ronan, MT 59864
406-253-3585 Fax 406-676-8524

A 1926 historic luxury 56-foot wooden motor yacht. Offering polished comfort and distinctive elegance. Out-of-the-ordinary history cruises, private daily and overnight charters of Flathead Lake. Modern full galley, two staterooms and spacious decks. Private catering for group events. Departs from Marina Cay Resort or private dock.

Open daily, May–October. Two hour lake cruises and private day and overnight charters. $22 per person. Private charter on request.

FLATHEAD LAKE
See Kalispell

THE FAR WEST CRUISE BOAT
P.O. Box 248, Bigfork, MT 59911
406-857-3203

Enjoy Flathead Lake aboard the Far West, a two-level cruise boat with a capacity for 200 people. Scheduled daytime cruises last 90 minutes. Charters can be arranged to all points of the lake from any suitable docking location. Full catering and live music available for private charter.

Daily, 2pm. Sun–Wed 7pm. Sunset cruise. Special cruises arranged for groups. $8/adult, $5/child 12 and under.

BIG SKY

52 miles S of Bozeman on US 191

Population– 400 permanent residents

BIG SKY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 160100, 500 Little Coyote Rd.
Big Sky, MT 59716
406-995-3000 or 800-943-4111
Fax 406-995-2307

The scenic community of Big Sky nestles high in mountain meadows, surrounded by timberland, the Spanish Peaks Primitive Area and the Gallatin National Forest. Majestic 11,166-foot Lone Mountain towers over this paradise, where in 1969, Chet Huntley, the late newscaster, and a group of corporate investors purchased some ranchland. Chet loved his native Montana and wanted to contribute to its tourism industry by establishing a year-round resort with complete lodging and recreational facilities.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, resort cabins, river floating, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

SOLDIERS CHAPEL
US 191 at Big Sky
P.O. Box 1411, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-995-4292 or 406-995-4089

This small church of native stone and logs was built as a memorial to the fallen soldiers of World War II, and to serve the spiritual needs of the ranchers and families living in the Gallatin Canyon and their many summer visitors. Its picture window offers a breathtaking view of Lone Mountain.

Open May 1–Sept 30, 8am–8pm. Visitors are always welcome. Regular services are held 11am Sunday and special services can be arranged.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BIG SKY SKI & SUMMER RESORT
1 Lone Mountain Trail, P.O. Box 160001,
Big Sky, MT 59716-0001
406-995-5000 or 800-548-4486
Fax 406-995-5001

Conceived and developed by the late NBC newscaster, Chet Huntley, this winter and summer resort features the state-of-the-art Yellowstone Conference Center for meetings of up to 950 guests, and activities that include both alpine and Nordic skiing, dog sledding and sleigh ride dinners in the winter. In the summer months, guests can enjoy the Arnold Palmer-designed 18-hole golf course, horseback trail rides, whitewater rafting, tennis and year-round use of outdoor heated pools and jacuzzis. Great dining, shopping and luxury accommodations in either hotel rooms or condominiums round out a perfect Western-style stay. The group sales staff at Big Sky Resort can assist in arranging any of your group's needs, including top-of-the-line audio-visual capabilities for meetings and catering.

Summer, June–mid-Oct. Winter, mid-Nov–mid-April.

BIG TIMBER

Southcentral Montana on I-90, Exit 367 and 370

Population– 1,680

BIG TIMBER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 1012, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-5131

Big Timber's name came from the large cottonwood trees that grow along the bank of the Yellowstone River. Nestled between the Boulder and the Yellowstone rivers, Big Timber is an agricultural community. The beautiful Crazy Mountains provide a perfect backdrop for all types of outdoor sports, photography and scenic drives. Big Timber is also the gateway to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area and has some of the best blue-ribbon trout fishing in the state. There are two excellent museums, plus antique shops, galleries and a beautiful log cabin visitor center. The covered porch is a great place to view the Crazy Mountains.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, rodeo and Montana's biggest horse cutting competition.

ATTRACTIONS

CRAZY MOUNTAIN MUSEUM
Exit 367, Cemetery Rd.
P.O. Box 83, Big Timber, MT 59011
406-932-5126

On exhibit is the Cobblestone City, a six by fourteen-foot detailed miniature replica of Big Timber in 1907. Also on permanent

display is a Norwegian stabbur, or store house, and artifacts from Big Timber's Norwegian heritage dating back to 1882. Another highlight is the rodeo exhibit featuring the Cremer rodeos of the 30s and 40s. Other exhibits rotate each year in conjunction with special events and entertainment.

Open June–Aug, Tues–Sun 1–4:30pm. Closed Monday. Minimum time: 30-45 minutes. Group tours available. Admission free, donations accepted.

BILLINGS

Southcentral Montana near the junction of I-90 and I-94

Population– 81,151

BILLINGS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 31177, Billings, MT 59107
406-245-4111 or 800-711-2630
Fax 406-245-7333

Billings is Montana's largest city and the financial center of Montana's energy industry. Shielded on the north by the Rimrocks, Billings was established in 1882 with the coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad. Two years later the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroads arrived and further boosted the economy. Today it is a major shipping center for cattle and other agricultural products. The METRA, a 12,000-seat events center, hosts the NILE rodeo, held each year in October. The Yellowstone Exhibition is held in August.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

ALBERTA BAIR THEATER
Broadway and 3rd Ave. N.
Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6052 Fax 406-256-5060

The Alberta Bair Theater for the Performing Arts is the largest theater between Minneapolis, Minnesota and Spokane, Washington, and it recently acquired the largest movie screen in that area. The theater presents hundreds of productions

MOSS MANSION

yearly, with over half of them being performed by national and international professional touring companies. From Broadway musicals to African dance, the Alberta Bair Theater has it all! It is also the home of the Billings Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, the Billings Community Concerts and many other local presenters, such as the Billings Studio Theater and the Community Band.

Open year-round, Mon–Sat 10am–5:30pm. Group tours (1–3 hours) offered by appointment, group discounts on tickets available.

MOSS MANSION
914 Division St., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-5100 Fax 406-252-0091

The Moss Mansion captures turn-of-the-century life when the Preston Boyd Moss family lived in the 1903 red sandstone structure. Visitors see original draperies, fixtures, furniture, Persian carpets, wall coverings and artifacts during one-hour guided tours. Seasonal exhibits are featured. Designed by the famous American architect, Henry Janeway Hardenbergh, the home is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Exit 450 from I-90 to 3rd Avenue N. (a one-way street) leads directly to the Moss Mansion.

Theme Christmas celebration from mid-Nov–Dec. Doll show in August. Open for one-hour group tours year-round by appointment. Gift shop open during tours. Food service must be arranged in advance.

WESTERN HERITAGE CENTER
2822 Montana Ave., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6809

Visit "Our Place in the West: Places, Pasts and Images of the Yellowstone Valley 1880-1940." Discover our past with interactive computers, hands-on exhibits, videos and a theater.

Open year-round, Tues–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 1–5pm. Admission free.

YELLOWSTONE ART CENTER
401 N. 27th St., Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6804

Accredited by the American Association of Museums, the Art Center will be closed for construction until fall 1997. Exhibition space will more than double. An education room, expanded research library and audio/visual room will be added. During construction, the Yellowstone Art Center will continue to host Summerfair and the Annual Art Auction.

The Yellowstone Art Center Information Center, which houses the Museum Shop, is located at 2720 3rd Avenue N. Tues–Fri, 11am–5pm and Sat noon–4pm.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MUSEUM
Airport Rd., directly across from
Logan International Airport
Billings, MT 59101
406-256-6811

Indian artifacts, Calamity Jane memorabilia, J.K. Ralston paintings and the last Northern Pacific steam switch engine are just a few of the many items you'll see depicting the nature of Montana's Western agricultural heritage. The lower level contains more than 5,000 square feet of displays and artifacts, plus an old-time dentist's office.

Open year-round, Mon–Fri 10:30am–5pm, Sun 2–5pm. Closed Sat. Special group tours by appointment. Admission free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK
W of Pryor
P.O. Box 100, Pryor, MT 59066
406-252-1289 Fax 406-252-6668

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

Homesite of Chief Plenty Coups (1848-1932), last chief of the Crow Tribe. Plenty Coups led scouts under General Crook and represented all Indian nations in Washington, D.C. as Chief of Chiefs. He willed his 1880s log home and property as a park for all people. The Chief Plenty Coups Museum was developed in 1972 to display Crow artifacts and tell the story of Plenty Coups and the Crow Indian. Located 40 miles south of Billings at base of sacred Pryor Mountains and Castle Rocks.

Open May 1–Sept 30, daily 8am–8pm; museum open 10am–5pm. Special tours for groups by appointment. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission 50¢/person, $3/vehicle.

OSCAR'S DREAMLAND YESTERYEAR MUSEUM
Rt. 9, P.O. Box 4002, Storey Rd.
Billings, MT 59102
406-656-0966, 406-656-9476 (off season)

This indoor/outdoor facility boasts a 1900s pioneer town, 1920 ferris wheel and an outstanding collection of rare agricultural machinery, antique cars and trucks, horse-drawn vehicles, airplanes, steam engines, ancient hand tools and other antiques and artifacts.

Open May 1–Sept 30, daily 9am–6pm. Special tours and rates for groups by appointment. Bus tour admission $4/person, guide and driver free.

PICTOGRAPH CAVES STATE PARK
I-90 Lockwood Exit 452 on Coburn Rd., 3 miles
2300 Lake Elmo Dr., Billings, MT 59105
406-247-2940

Located in the sandstone outcroppings of the Bitter Creek Valley, this state park preserves the remains of a prehistoric culture 5,000 years old. Among the most interesting things in the caves are the ancient paintings found on the back walls. This major archaeological site has interpretive panels which describe how humans utilized this environment. Some steep grades on trails to caves.

Open April 15–Oct 15, daily 8am–8pm. Group tours by appointment. Minimum time: 1 hour. Group admission 50¢/person or $3/vehicle. Montana State Park Passport offers free admission to all Montana State Parks for the year purchased.

POMPEYS PILLAR

POMPEYS PILLAR
Exit 23 off I-94, 25 miles E of Billings

Pompeys Pillar National Monument was founded in commemoration of Lewis and Clark's journey across the western frontier in 1804-1806. The Pillar was named after Sacajawea's baby, Baptiste, whom Clark called "Pomp" for "little chief."

Open June–Sept, Mon–Fri 10:30am–5pm, Sun 2–5pm. Special tours for groups by appointment. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

BITTERROOT VALLEY

SUPERHOST!

SW Montana, on US 93

Population– 32,230

BITTERROOT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
105 E. Main St., Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-2400 Fax 406-363-2402

The Bitterroot Valley extends along US 93 from Missoula to the Idaho line. It includes the communities of Stevensville, Victor, Corvallis, Hamilton and Darby. Because of its location between the Bitterroot Range and the Sapphire Mountains, the climate in this corner of the state is more moderate than the rest of Montana. Hamilton is the business center for this beautiful area. The valley was named for the bitterroot plant (Montana's state flower) that grew here profusely when Lewis and Clark first explored the region.

ATTRACTIONS

THE DALY MANSION
Eastside Hwy
P.O. Box 223, Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-6004

Marcus Daly, one of Montana's "Copper Kings," established Anaconda with his smelter, and Hamilton with his lumber industry. In the late 1880s he built his family a summer home in Hamilton, the heart of the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. The Mansion occupies 24,000 square feet on three floors, with 24 bedrooms, 15 bathrooms and seven fireplaces. After Mrs. Daly's death in 1941, the Mansion was closed until 1987, when it opened to the public.

Open April 15–Oct 15, daily. Guided tours on the hour, 11am–4pm. Special group tours by appointment. Off season tours available. Admission $5/adults, $3/children 5-14 years. Minimum time: 1 hour.

RAVALLI COUNTY MUSEUM
205 Bedford St., Hamilton, MT 59840
406-363-3338

The museum is located in the original Ravalli County Courthouse built in 1900. Saved from the wrecker's ball by a grassroots citizens movement in 1979, it is now listed in the National Register of Historic Buildings and considered one of the finest museums for a city Hamilton's size. Collections and displays recapture the pre-history and history of the county. Highlights include the complete Rocky Mountain Laboratory display on tick fever; extensive archives; Native American clothing, implements and art; period rooms of the Victorian era; an old-fashioned kitchen; a trapper's cabin; and a veterans display.

Open Thurs–Mon 10am–4pm. Sunday Series Program of historical and cultural interest for locals and visitors is presented each Sunday at 2pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free, donations accepted.

ST. MARY'S MISSION
P.O. Box 211, Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-5734

Located at the west end of 4th Street, historic St. Mary's Mission was the first permanent white settlement in Montana. The mission was established in 1841 by Fr. Pierre DeSmet, S.J., who came in response to requests for "Black Robes" by various Indian tribes of present day Montana and Idaho. The mission complex includes the chapel/residence, Fr. Anthony Ravalli's house/pharmacy, Chief Victor's cabin and the Indian burial plot. All buildings have been restored to the 1880 era and are furnished with items built by Father Ravalli, Montana's first medical doctor. Chief Victor's cabin is restored as an Indian museum. Beautifully landscaped DeSmet Park was dedicated in 1991 to commemo-

rate the 150th anniversary of the establishment of St. Mary's Mission.

Open April 15–Oct 15, daily 10am–5pm; Oct 16–Christmas, Wed–Sat 10am–4pm, Sun 10am–2pm. Group tours by appointment. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $3/adult, $1/student.

STEVENSVILLE MUSEUM
217 Main St., Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-3201

The emphasis is on the early growth and development of the Bitterroot Valley with displays of artifacts, pictures and informational panels regarding the history of the American Indian population (the Salish Indians), the Lewis and Clark Corps of Discovery expedition through the valley in 1805-06, the arrival of Father DeSmet in 1841 in response to the request by the Salish Indians for the "Black Robes," the establishment of the earliest mission in what is now Montana, the development of Fort Owen as one of the earliest trading posts and the history of Stevensville itself. Displays of an early kitchen, wash room, parlor and school are completed with authentic items.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LEE METCALF NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Wildfowl Lane, Stevensville, MT 59870
406-777-5552 (U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service)

This refuge is a diverse combination of wetlands and forested riverbottom habitat. There are osprey, Canada geese and other waterfowl, bald eagles, coyotes, marmots, muskrats, mink, painted turtles and whitetail deer. Two walking trails provide good wildlife observation and photographic opportunities.

ST. MARY'S MISSION

BOZEMAN

90 miles N of the entrance to Yellowstone National Park on I-90

Population– 28,000

BOZEMAN CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU
P.O. Box B, Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-5421 or 800-228-4224
Fax 406-586-8286

In 1864, John Bozeman led a wagon train over Bozeman Pass into the Gallatin Valley, where his friends W.J. Beall and D.E. Rouse staked out the townsite for the city of Bozeman. Located in this beautiful mountain valley, Bozeman has become one of Montana's major tourist and agricultural centers. Another important part of this thriving community is Montana State University. Established in 1893 as Montana State College, MSU has become the largest unit of the Montana university system, with around 10,000 students. MSU offers a diversified curriculum with emphasis on engineering and agricultural studies. Annual events include the Montana Winter Fair in January and the Sweet Pea Festival in August. Bozeman is an important winter recreation area with two major ski areas nearby. Bridger Bowl is located 16 miles north of town and Big Sky Ski and Summer Resort is 45 miles south.

ATTRACTIONS

COFFRIN'S OLD WEST GALLERY
8118 Rolling Hills Dr.
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-0170 Fax 406-586-9339

This gallery houses the fine collection of photographs by Montana's famous frontier photographer, L. A. Huffman. Huffman came to Montana Territory in 1878 to become post photographer at Fort Keogh, and later opened a studio in Miles City. This collection of photos is a magnificent pictorial history of that era from the last of the Indian Wars through the coming of the railroad and finally the cattlemen. Reproductions made from the Huffman negatives are marketed worldwide.

Open year-round, Mon–Fri 9am–5pm, Sat 9am–4pm or by appointment. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free. Call or write for map or directions.

MUSEUM OF THE ROCKIES
S. 7th and Kagy Blvd.
Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717

406-994-2251

This museum on the Montana State University campus houses a planetarium; paleontology, ethnology, and history section; an auditorium; an enclosed courtyard; and objects of historic and cultural importance from the northern Rocky Mountains. Displays include dinosaurs and dinosaur eggs unearthed in Montana, Plains Indian artifacts, pioneer exhibits, Western art and "hands on" exhibits such as a two-story log homestead house, built in 1889 in Willow Creek and moved some 30 miles to the museum site.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 8am–8pm; Sept–May, Mon–Sat 9am–5pm, Sun 12:30–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour each for museum and planetarium. Admission charged.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BRIDGER BOWL
15795 Bridger Canyon Rd.
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-586-1518 or 800-223-9609
Fax 406-586-1518

Tucked into the mountains just 16 miles northeast of Bozeman, Bridger Bowl ski area offers lots of luxurious powder snow known as "cold smoke" by those who ski it regularly. The variety of terrain is terrific, from steep rock-walled chutes to long, gentle slopes, wide-open powder bowls to knee-deep moguls. Skiers are served by five double chair lifts and one quad chair lift, a base area cafeteria and bar & grill, day care, a mid-mountain cafeteria, ski school, rental and retail shop and ski patrol. Bridger Bowl's mid-mountain chalet is new for the 1996-97 season. The facility will have seating for 290 people indoors and 110 on its large, south-facing deck. The chalet will feature recycled timbers with post and beam construction, a large, stone fireplace, big, south-facing windows and private meeting/dining area.

Bridger Bowl has a central reservations office representing more than 40 properties. A wide variety of motels, cabins, bed and breakfast inns, condominiums and chalets from slopeside to downtown Bozeman are available. Most motels pro-

vide special Bridger Bowl group rates for reservations made through our service.

Open mid-Dec–early April.

BROADUS

SE Montana on US 212. Direct route between Belle Fourche, South Dakota, and Little Big Horn Battlefield.

Population– 572

POWDER RIVER COMMERCIAL CLUB
P.O. Box 484, Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2611 or 800-982-0710
Fax 406-436-2700

Broadus is located just west of the Powder River, whose name was heard worldwide from the American soldiers' yell, "Powder River, let 'er buck." Powder River has been described as a mile wide and an inch deep, too thin to shovel and too thick to drink. But, the river does support both irrigation and recreation.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, ice skating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing. Commercial cattle drives monthly, May–August.

ATTRACTIONS

MAC'S MUSEUM
Powder River Historical Museum
Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2977

Mac's Museum contains one of the nation's greatest collections of sea shells, minerals, moths and butterflies, and Indian artifacts, including a display of 4,000 arrow and spear points from every state.

Open Mon–Fri, 9am–5pm. Tours by appointment. Admission free.

POWDER RIVER WILDLIFE MUSEUM
708 S. Park, P.O. Box 678
Broadus, MT 59317
406-436-2538 or 800-982-0710
Fax 406-436-2700

The museum houses a collection of wildlife and bird mounts. Over 150 specimens on display with something that will interest everyone.

Open year-round, Mon–Sat, 9am–5:30pm. Extended summer and fall hours. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

BROWNING

15 miles E of Glacier National Park at junction of US 2 and 89

Population– 1,200

BROWNING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 1166, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-7911

Browning is the agency headquarters for the one-and-one-half-million-acre Blackfeet Indian Reservation. Although today the majority of the reservation Blackfeet live much like the residents of any western community, they have maintained many of their cultural traditions. Painted tepees, colorful feather headdresses and beaded deerskin costumes are used on special occasions such as the North American Indian Days celebration held each July. The resort communities of St. Mary and East Glacier Park are located nearby, on the eastern edge of Glacier National Park.

ATTRACTIONS

BLACKFEET HISTORIC SITE TOURS
P.O. Box 2038, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-2058 Fax 406-338-2787

A reflection of the rich and varied history of the Blackfeet people representing a unique cross-section of tribal life from prehistoric time to the present. Sites include: Sun Dance, Buffalo jumps, Tipi Rings, Old North Trail, Old Agency and the Starvation winter of 1883-84, Holy Family mission, Meriwether Lewis meets the Blackfeet, Fort Shaw and Fort McLeod Road.

Open daily, 9am–5pm. $50/adult, half-day tour, covers 75 miles. $100/adult, full-day, covers 150 miles and includes lunch. $50/child, 5 and under free.

LODGE POLE GALLERY AND TIPI VILLAGE
P.O. Box 1832, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-2787 (Phone/Fax)

Traditional and Contemporary Blackfeet and native artists in residence do all forms of traditional arts such as beadwork, quill work, hide tanning, drums, rattles, shields to name a few. Workshops, lectures, mini powwows, cultural activities, overnight and extended stays in tipi village available upon request. Enjoy Spanish Mustang horses, the original Indian horse, and two hundred acres of beautiful prairie.

Open June–Sept, daily 8am–9pm. Admission charged. Special arrangements for groups for off-season.

TIPIS AT BROWNING

MUSEUM OF MONTANA WILDLIFE AND HALL OF BRONZE
Junction of US 2 and 89
P.O. Box 172, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-5425

Bob Scriver, nationally known sculptor, is the owner and curator of this museum, which houses wildlife exhibits, dioramas, 30 large John Fery oil paintings of Glacier National Park and Bob Scriver's original bronze sculptures.

Open May–Sept, daily 8am–5pm. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Group rate available.

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN
Junction of US 2 and 89
P.O. Box 400, Browning, MT 59417
406-338-2230 Fax 406-338-7404

The Museum of the Plains Indian exhibits the creative achievements of the Native American artists and craftsmen of the United States, past and present. There is a permanent exhibit and two special exhibition galleries devoted to changing presentations. The museum's sales shop offers a wide variety of authentic, contemporary Native American arts and crafts.

Open June–Sept, daily, 9am–5pm; Oct–May, Mon–Fri 10:30am–4:30pm. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

BUTTE

SW Montana, at junction of I-90 and I-15

Population– 35,000

BUTTE-SILVER BOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595 or 800-735-6814

An insignificant gold camp in 1864, Butte (pronounced b-yoot) almost became a ghost town as its shallow placers played out. But a few hardy prospectors stayed on, and in the early 1870s Butte boomed again with the discovery of large deposits

of silver ore. Marcus Daly came to Butte when the rich strikes of 1874 were reported. Instead of silver, he found the richest vein of copper known. The vein was 50 feet wide, and Daly became the head of one of the world's most powerful monopolies, the Anaconda Copper Mining Company. By 1900, the Butte Hill and its huge copper deposits were known as "the richest hill on earth." After a worldwide slump in the copper market shut down mining operations in 1983, Butte citizens bounced back with a "can do" attitude. Mining operations resumed in the East Pit in 1986 and today Butte is a city in transition to a more diversified economy, including energy research, medicine, tourism, environmental clean up and, in the future, manufacturing of computer parts.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

ARTS CHATEAU
321 W. Broadway
P.O. Box 622, Butte, MT 59701
406-723-7600 Fax 406-723-5083

Built in 1898, and listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the Arts Chateau was originally the home of Charles Clark, eldest son of "Copper King" William Andrews Clark. The stately curved stairway leads guests from the first floor galleries to the second floor period museum and on up to the fourth floor ballroom. Striking stained-glass windows, intricate moldings and the use of woods from throughout the world are an impressive setting for the chateau's many exhibits. Exhibits change on a six-week schedule. The Chateau Marionette Theatre performs in the summer.

Open year-round, June 1–Aug 31, Tues–Sat 10am–6pm, Sun noon–5pm. Sept 5–May 31, Tues–Sat 11am–4pm, Sun noon–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission $3.50/adult, $1/child.

OLD NO. 1 TROLLEY

COPPER KING MANSION
219 W. Granite St., Butte, MT 59701
406-782-7580

From the intimate billiard room to the 62-foot-long ballroom, this 32-room red brick mansion typifies Victorian elegance. Built by Senator William A. Clark, its many rooms have frescoed walls, and ceilings paneled and trimmed with many fine woods. The mansion is available for tours, private parties, receptions, meetings, teas and is a bed & breakfast.

Open daily, 9am–5pm. Guided tour lasts 45 minutes. Special group admission $3.50/adult. Last tour begins at 4pm.

MINERAL MUSEUM
Montana Tech Campus on West Park St.
Montana College of Mineral Science and Technology, Butte, MT 59701
406-496-4414 Fax 406-496-4451

Approximately 1,500 specimens are on display including the largest Montana gold nugget found in 80 years, spectacular fluorescent minerals, Brazilian amethyst geodes and outstanding specimens from famous world localities.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily, 8am–5pm. The remainder of the year, Mon–Fri 8am–5pm, Sun 1–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

WORLD MUSEUM OF MINING AND HELL ROARIN' GULCH
W end of Park St. behind the college
P.O. Box 33, Butte, MT 59703
406-723-7211

The Museum is a designated National Historic Place with hundreds of indoor and outdoor exhibits. An extensive collection of historic mining equipment and old photos covering placer, hardrock and open pit mining are displayed. Hell Roarin' Gulch, a reconstructed mining town, features businesses and antiques common to turn-of-the-century mining communities. Gift shop offers copper products.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 9am–9pm. Open April, May, Sept, Oct, Tues–Sun, 10am–5pm. Closed Mon. Closed Nov–March. $2/adults and children over 12.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BERKELEY OPEN PIT MINE
Continental Dr.
c/o Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595

Prior to the suspension of mining operations in 1983, the Berkeley Mine was the largest truck-operated pit mine in the United States. Present-day visitors to Butte can view the mine from a platform located above it. A recorded message at the viewing site explains the mining operations which occurred at the site.

Open daily 8am–dusk, closed winter. Minimum time: 15 minutes. Admission free.

OLD NO. 1 TROLLEY
c/o Butte Silver Bow Chamber of Commerce
2950 Harrison Ave., Butte, MT 59701
406-494-5595 or 800-735-6814

Ride this replica of an early-day streetcar for a tour of uptown and downtown historic Butte. The trolley can accommodate 30-35 passengers for a 90-minute tour. It stops at the Berkeley Pit and the World Museum of Mining. A guide points out historic buildings and mansions along the way.

Memorial Day–Labor Day, 10:30am, 1:30, 3:30 and 7pm. Departs from the Chamber of Commerce office. Reservations please. Special tours can be arranged year-round. Step-on guide service available. Admission $4/adult, $2.50/child, 3 and under free.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

OUR LADY OF THE ROCKIES
East Ridge overlooking Butte
434 N. Main St., P.O. Box 668
Butte, MT 59703
406-782-1221 or 800-800-LADY

A 90-foot statue in the likeness of Mary, Mother of Jesus, sits atop the Continental Divide overlooking Butte. The 80-ton statue was built entirely by volunteer work and donations. Completed in 1985, it is dedicated to women everywhere, especially mothers. The statue, lighted and visible at night, is a spectacular sight to behold.

Information center open year-round. Summer, daily 9am–5pm. Winter, Mon–Sat, 10am–4pm. Tours available May–Sept. Minimum time: 2.5 hours. Admission charged.

CHOTEAU

55 miles NW of Great Falls, at junction of US 89 and 287

Population– 1,741

CHOTEAU CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 897, Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5316

This small agricultural community began as a trading post in the 1870s. It was named for Pierre Chouteau, Jr., president of the American Fur Company, who brought the first steamboat up the Missouri River.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, snowmobiling and dinosaur digs.

ATTRACTIONS

OLD TRAIL MUSEUM
823 N. Main
P.O. Box 919, Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5332 Fax 406-466-5332

Visit the Old Trail Museum and its historic building complex and enjoy the unique exhibits. The museum reflects the rich cultural and natural history of the Rocky Mountain Front area.

Open year-round, May 16–Sept 14, daily 9am–6pm. Sept 15–May 15, Tues–Sat, 10am–3pm. Group tours on request. $2/adults, 50¢/children. Minimum time: 45 minutes.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

EGG MOUNTAIN
Museum of the Rockies
c/o Montana State University
Bozeman, MT 59717
406-994-2251

Twelve miles west of Choteau, the site has yielded more information about dinosaur biology during the late Cretaceous period than any other paleontology dig in the world. Dinosaur eggs, egg shell fragments, nests and babies were discovered for the first time in North America. Week-long courses in paleontology and short two-day courses are available through the Museum of the Rockies in Bozeman, in conjunction with The Nature Conservancy. For more information about courses call 406-994-6618.

Tours available daily at 2pm during the summer months.

PINE BUTTE SWAMP RESERVE
HC 58, P.O. Box 34B
Choteau, MT 59422
406-466-5526

A unique slice of the American West, Pine Butte Swamp Preserve is a treasury of natural and cultural history, undisturbed and protected. Stories of glaciers, Indians, homesteaders, ancient creatures, endangered animals and rare plants unfold for the visitor on the 18,000-acre Nature Conservancy Preserve along the eastern front of the Rockies. Public access without permission is allowed only at the informational kiosk on the Bellview cut-across road. Hiking and hunting are allowed on the preserve on a limited basis. Educational tours for groups can be arranged. Week long and overnight stays available with lodging and food at the Pine Butte Guest Ranch (406-466-2158).

ROCKY MOUNTAIN HI
P.O. Box 547, Fairfield, MT 59436
406-467-3664

Twenty-eight miles west of Choteau at Teton Pass is Rocky Mountain Hi ski area–"The Affordable Family Ski Area." A modern high-capacity double chairlift carries 1,000 skiers per hour to the top where the skier can select groomed or powder runs. A poma platter-pull lift and Mighty Mite, ski shop, day lodge and ski school are available.

COLUMBIA FALLS/ FLATHEAD VALLEY

17 miles W of Glacier National Park on US 2

Population– 2,942

COLUMBIA FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 312, Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-2072

Columbia Falls is located at the majestic entrance to Badrock Canyon and is the incorporated community nearest Glacier National Park's west entrance and Hungry Horse Dam. Situated near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort. The prime industries are Plum Creek Lumber and other smaller mills, and CFAC aluminum plant.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, snowmobiling, a waterslide, maze, buffalo barbecues, square dances, and miniature golf.

ATTRACTIONS

COLUMBIA FALLS ALUMINUM COMPANY
c/o Nancy Bingaman
2000 Aluminum Ave.
Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-8247

The first aluminum was produced on August 12, 1955. Initial construction of the plant consisted of two potlines with an annual capacity of 67,500 tons. In 1965, a third potline was added increasing production to 100,000 tons. With the additions of the fourth potline in April 1968, and a fifth in October, capacity increased to 180,000 tons. The potline buildings form the largest single building in Montana, covering about 1,7500,000 square feet or 40 acres.

Tours available year-round. Minimum group size per guide is 5 people and maximum is 15. Minimum age is 14 years. No admission charged.

HOUSE OF MYSTERY
7800 US 2 E, Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-892-1210

One of the few areas in the world where the natural laws of physics are bent, if not broken altogether. Montana's only vortex. Large gift shop, antiques and snacks.

Open April–Nov, daily 9am–dusk. Minimum time: 20 minutes. Admission $4/adult, $3/child 6–12, 5 and under free.

NORTH AMERICAN WILDLIFE MUSEUM
10780 US 2 E, Coram, MT 59913
P.O. Box 5240, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-387-4018
406-752-6207 (off-season)

Located five miles from West Glacier, this museum houses 80 life-size animal exhibits including some albinos.

Open June 15–Aug 31, daily 9am–9pm. May 1–June 14 and Sept 1–Oct 31, daily 9am–7pm. Minimum time: 20 minutes. Group admission $1/person.

WILD EYES PHOTO ADVENTURES
894 Lake Dr., Columbia Falls, MT 59912
406-387-5391 Fax 406-387-5391

Located near Glacier National Park, Wild Eyes offers a magnificent backdrop for wildlife photography of wolves, grizzly bears, bobcats, birds of prey and more. Hosts are experienced wildlife handlers who are licensed to raise animals for observation. On-site cabins can accommodate 6-8 people. Larger groups need to make special arrangements.

Open year-round. Fees vary.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

HUNGRY HORSE DAM
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
P.O. Box 910130, Hungry Horse, MT 59919
406-387-5241, ext. 342

Federal dam located between Columbia Falls and Glacier National Park. Tour begins at the top of the dam and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

Dam and Visitor Center open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 9:30am–6pm. Guided tours operate daily, every hour from 10am–5pm. Self-guided tours from 10am–5pm. Admission free.

CULBERTSON

NE Montana at the junction of US 2 and MT 16

Population– 796

CULBERTSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 639, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-5821 Fax 406-787-5275

Culbertson is a small agricultural town in northeast Montana. It was born on the prairie in 1887 with the arrival of the railroad. Horse ranching to provide cavalry units for military posts along the Missouri River was followed by large-scale cattle ranching and homesteading. In recent years, the economic mainstays of grain and cattle have been augmented with oil production, feed manufacturing and seed processing.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, fishing, hunting, boating, ice fishing, cross-country skiing and ice skating.

ATTRACTIONS

CULBERTSON MUSEUM
US 2, P.O. Box 95, Culbertson, MT 59218
406-787-6320

Discover rich and fascinating history at this Old West museum. The museum features a Great Northern caboose and displays of antiques, photographs, kitchenware and dental equipment with emphasis on local heritage and history. Old tractors are courtesy of Thresher's Association.

Open June–Aug, 8am–8pm; May and Sept, 9am–6pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

CUT BANK

NW Montana on US 2, E edge of Blackfeet Reservation

Population– 3,329

CUT BANK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 1243, Cut Bank, MT 59427
406-873-4041

The town was settled in 1891 when the Great Northern Railroad pushed west to Kalispell. Cut Bank was an early-day cattle empire. The population jumped from 845 in 1939 to 4,539 in 1960 when oil and gas fields were discovered. Cattle and grain continue to be a mainstay of the economy .

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, golf and cross-country skiing.

ATTRACTIONS

GLACIER COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM
Old Kevin Hwy, 3/4 miles from US 2
Cut Bank, MT 59427
406-873-4904

Unique to the museum are outdoor displays depicting original oil field machinery, early railroad history, 1800s homesteading life and a turn-of-the-century school building. The museum also features a Lewis and Clark art collection reflecting their experience in the area.

Open year-round, Tues–Sat 1–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Donation requested.

DEER LODGE

SW Montana on I-90

Population– 3,378

POWELL COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
1170 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-2094

In the 1850s, Johnny Grant settled in the Deer Lodge Valley and established what was to become one of the largest ranching operations in the country. Deer Lodge was also selected as the site for the Montana Territorial Prison, which opened its doors in 1871. The Northern Pacific Railroad arrived in 1883 and Deer Lodge was the end of the line for immigrants heading west.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, hunting, fishing, golf and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

FRONTIER MONTANA
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

This Western museum features memorabilia from the 1800s, a Western bar and Old West bar memorabilia.

Open May–Sept, daily 9am–5pm. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission includes all Deer Lodge Museums.

GRANT-KOHRS RANCH
See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

TOWE FORD MUSEUM
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111 Fax 406-846-1943

This is the second most complete Ford collection in the world. Here the visitor can trace the development of the automobile from 1903 to the 1960s. There are more than 100 cars on display including

two Fordson tractors, a Model A Snowmobile, two fire trucks, a WW II Ford Jeep, two Edsels and a Stanley Steamer. All vehicles are either good originals or authentically restored.

Open daily. Summer, 8am–9pm; winter call for time; fall/spring 8:30am–5:30pm. Closed Dec and Jan. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission includes all Deer Lodge Museums.

OLD MONTANA PRISON
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111 Fax 406-846-1943

In operation from 1871 to 1979, this site served as a federal, territorial and finally, a state penitentiary. It is comprised of 12 historic structures, most built by convict labor near the turn-of-the-century, and is surrounded by a high sandstone wall. Tour behind the gray walls, through the massive, ominous cell block, into the cells of maximum security and through other parts of the prison. Some stair-climbing.

Open daily. Summer, 8am–9pm; winter call for time; fall/spring 8:30am–5:30pm. Closed Dec and Jan. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission includes all Deer Lodge Museums.

OLD MONTANA PRISON THEATRE
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

This summer theater is located inside the Old Montana Prison, with 166 seats and concessions. Past productions include *The Fantasticks* and *Same Time Next Year.*

Performances June–Aug, Wed–Sun at 8pm. Group rates.

POWELL COUNTY MUSEUM
1193 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3294 Fax 406-846-3156

The museum exhibits include artifacts from Powell County and the surrounding region. New Memorial Art Gallery on the lower level (not accessible to persons with disabilities) features local and statewide art and historic photographs on a rotating basis.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily noon–5pm. Will open facility during off-season for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

BANNACK STATE PARK

YESTERDAY'S PLAYTHINGS
A DOLL AND TOY MUSEUM
1106 Main St., Deer Lodge, MT 59722
406-846-3111

On display in this museum are more than 600 dolls and many toys dating from the 1850s to the present. The dolls are arranged in order of genre, construction and age. All are dressed in original clothing or accurate reproductions. Included in the collection are Madame Alexander dolls, artist dolls, ethnic dolls, advertising dolls, Indian dolls, doll houses, 2,500 clown dolls, and toys of every description and age.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 9am–5pm. Admission includes all Deer Lodge Museums.

DILLON

SW Montana on I-15,
65 miles S of Butte

Population– 6,000

BEAVERHEAD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 425, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5511

Dillon is the seat of Beaverhead County, Montana's largest county. Dillon began as an important shipping point from Utah to the gold fields of Montana. The Utah and Northern Railroad reached Dillon in the fall of 1880, but the town was named for the president of the Union Pacific Railroad, Sidney V. Dillon. Sheep were introduced to this rich agricultural valley in 1869. At one time Dillon was the largest wool shipping point in Montana. The first cattle were brought to the valley in 1865 and they, too, have played a major role in Dillon's development. The Montana Normal College was established in Dillon in 1892 and is now called Western Montana College. Dillon celebrates "Montana's biggest weekend" with the annual Jaycee Labor Day rodeo which features professional rodeo excitement, big name entertainment, parade and more.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include natural hot springs, hikes, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, golf, biking, photography, sightseeing, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

BEAVERHEAD COUNTY MUSEUM
15 S. Montana, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-5027

The "branded boardwalk" covered with the area's ranch brands, family and business names, and logos–meanders throughout the museum grounds. Indoor and outside exhibits include a homesteader's cabin, mining equipment, the first flush toilet in Beaverhead County, sheep wagon, 1895 courting carriage, Depot Theater, Lewis & Clark Diorama and special exhibits/showings throughout the year. Area information available.

Open June 1–Labor Day, Mon–Fri 10am–8pm, weekends 1–5pm. Sept–Dec, Mon–Fri 10am–5pm. Closed Jan–May. Tours given upon request.

WESTERN MONTANA COLLEGE GALLERY/MUSEUM
710 S. Atlantic, Dillon, MT 59725
406-683-7126 or
406-683-7011 (message only)

The five-room gallery houses both permanent and traveling collections, student and faculty exhibits and the Seidensticker wildlife collection, a unique display of Asian, African and North American big game trophy animals.

Open summer, Mon–Fri, 1–5pm, 7–9pm. Winter, Mon–Fri, noon–4pm, Tues and Thurs 7–9pm, Sun 1–4pm. Closed May 15–31, Dec 15–Jan 15, March 1–10. Special group tours by appointment. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BANNACK STATE PARK
Take I-15 S of Dillon to milepost 57, then travel 21 miles S on Secondary Route 278 W of Dillon
4200 Bannack Rd., Dillon, MT 59725
406-834-3413

Bannack was the site of Montana's first major gold discovery in 1862. Abandoned since 1938, Montana's oldest town and first territorial capital is an excellent ex-

ample of historic frontier camps and mining towns. Most buildings are of wood frame and log construction. All are typical of the frontier boom town era. A walking tour of this ghost town includes Sheriff Henry Plummer's gallows, the Hotel Meade and the Masonic Temple and School. There is a visitor center with interpretive displays and video programs.

Open year-round. Summer, 7am–9pm. Fall, winter and spring, 8am–5pm. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission $3/vehicle, buses charged 50¢/person. Guided tours are offered on weekends from Memorial Day to Labor Day. Groups of 30 or more must obtain a special use permit to enter the park.

FORSYTH

Junction of I-94 and US 12

Population– 2,178

FORSYTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 448, Forsyth, MT 59327
406-356-2123

Forsyth, county seat of Rosebud County, is located on the banks of the Yellowstone River. It was named for General James H. Forsyth, the first U.S. Army officer to land by steamer at the site of the present town.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, hunting, fishing and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

COLSTRIP VISITOR CENTER
35 miles S of Forsyth
6200 Main St., P.O. Box 1080
Colstrip, MT 59323
406-748-3746

The visitor center has video presentations of the Rosebud surface coal mine, Colstrip power generating plants and the Colstrip town site. There are regularly scheduled tours of the Rosebud Mine.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day 8am–6pm. Winter, 10am–3pm. Group tours welcome, but must provide transportation. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission free.

ROSEBUD COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM
1335 Main St.
P.O. Box 88, Forsyth, MT 59327
406-356-2529

Collections from founding families, Native American beadwork, barbed wire, vintage clothing and machinery.

Open May 1–15, daily, 1–7pm. May 15–Sept 15, Mon–Sat 9am–7pm, Sun 1–7pm.

FORT BENTON

FORT BENTON

42 miles NE of Great Falls on US 87

Population– 1,660

FORT BENTON COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 313, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-5494

Fort Benton's significance in the early settlement of Montana is immeasurable. No other town played such a prominent role in the opening of the Northwest from 1860-1887. As a trading post, military fort and head of steamboat navigation, Fort Benton was an important overland connection.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include river floats, hunting, fishing and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

CHOUTEAU COUNTY PERFORMING ARTS SERIES
P.O. Box 279, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-739-4414 or 406-622-3351
or 406-622-5166

Season runs Sept–May. Minimum time: 1.5 hours. Admission $7/student, $10/adult.

MONTANA AGRICULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM OF THE NORTHERN GREAT PLAINS
c/o John Lepley
Front St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278 or 406-622-5133

The official museum of agriculture for the state of Montana depicts the way of life, farming methods and changes in equipment through three generations of farmers on the Northern Plains. Also displayed is a main street from the 1920s. Exhibits include a Western gallery and a group of beautifully preserved and mounted bison representing the last of these great herds that once darkened the Great Plains.

Open May 15–Sept 15, daily 10am–5pm. Admission charged. Special rates for groups.

MUSEUM OF THE UPPER MISSOURI
c/o John Lepley
Front St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278 or 406-622-5133

Fort Benton was a busy river port and a hub of trails which led to the northwest United States and into western Canada. The museum traces area history from early Native Americans to 1900, when railroads arrived and open-range cattle business came to an end.

Open May 15–Sept 15, daily 10am–5pm. Admission charged.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LEWIS AND CLARK MEMORIAL
c/o John Lepley
817 Main St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278

This life-size sculpture of Lewis and Clark, Sacajawea and her papoose, by Montana artist Bob Scriver, overlooks the Missouri River. A tour of the memorial explains the project, the sculpture and the history and significance of the Lewis and Clark Expedition. This official state memorial to Lewis and Clark can be enjoyed all year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

MISSOURI RIVER OUTFITTERS
P.O. Box 762, Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3295

Not much has changed on the Wild and Scenic Upper Missouri River since early explorers used it as the main waterway to the West. Stretching 150 miles down river from Fort Benton, the Upper Missouri is a wide, easy-going and remote river, filled with wildlife and history. Missouri River Outfitters offer half-day to nine-day guided trips for up to 20 people per river boat. Visitors need sleeping bags for extended trips; full food service and camping gear are provided. Guided canoe trips, canoe rentals and shuttle service are also available.

Season runs April 15–Oct 15. Write or call for rates; deposit required.

NATIONAL HISTORIC LANDMARK WALKING TOUR
c/o John Lepley
817 Main St., Fort Benton, MT 59442
406-622-3278

Walk along the historic steamboat levee and enjoy both exteriors and interiors of buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. Included are St. Paul's Church, the I.G. Baker residence, the Chouteau County Courthouse and the old firehouse. Free self-guided tour brochures available at many downtown businesses.

GARDINER

N Entrance to Yellowstone National Park on US 89

Population– 800

GARDINER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 81, Gardiner, MT 59030
406-848-7971

President Theodore Roosevelt visited Gardiner in 1903 to dedicate the arch made of basaltic rock through which travelers could go on their way to the "Yellowstone Wonderland." The arch is inscribed with the words, "For the Benefit and Enjoyment of All People," a quote taken from the congressional act which made Yellowstone a national park in 1872. At one time the Northern Pacific Railroad brought visitors to Gardiner where they could meet the stagecoaches that would carry them throughout the park. Today, Gardiner is open year-round.

FORT PECK DAM

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK
See MAIN ATTRACTIONS

GLASGOW

NE Montana on US 2, N of Fort Peck Lake

Population– 3,572

GLASGOW CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 832, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-2222 Fax 406-228-2244

Established in 1887 during the building of the Great Northern Railroad, Glasgow was named in honor of Glasgow, Scotland. The sleepy little shipping station for cattle, sheep and grain woke up when construction began on Fort Peck Dam in 1933. The Glasgow Air Force Base was an important part of the community from 1955-1968. The town of Fort Peck, planned and built by government engineers, is located 18 miles S of Glasgow.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hayrides, natural hot springs, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

FORT PECK DAM AND MUSEUM
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
P.O. Box 208, Fort Peck, MT 59223
406-526-3411

Fort Peck Dam is one of the world's oldest and largest hydraulic earthfill dams—an earthen structure that stretches across the Missouri from bluff to bluff, a distance of more than four miles. Fort Peck Lake has a shoreline of more than 1,600 miles. The museum at the power plant site includes fossils of dinosaurs, armored fishes and swimming reptiles, as well as artifacts from old Fort Peck.

Museum open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 9am–5:30pm. Guided tours of power plant leave on the hour and last 1 hour. 20 person maximum per tour. Admission free.

FORT PECK SUMMER THEATRE
MT 24, Fort Peck
P.O. Box 973, Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-9219

Past performances in the historic Fort Peck Theatre have included *Oklahoma!*, *Fiddler on the Roof* and *Sound of Music.*

Performances June–Aug, Fri– Sun, 8pm.

VALLEY COUNTY PIONEER MUSEUM
US 2 W and 9th Ave., Glasgow, MT 59230
406-228-8692

Built on donations of time, money and artifacts from people in the local community, the museum's theme is, "From Dinosaur Bones to Moon Walk." Our displays are arranged chronologically and feature one of the few remaining original hide tepees and other Indian artifacts. The museum includes the pioneer days of the area as well as the building of Fort Peck Dam and the Glasgow Air Force Base. Not to be missed are the Stan Kalinski Wildlife Collection and historic bar and the museum's machinery lot featuring a caboose from the Great Northern Railroad.

Open June 1–Sept 15, 11am–8pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

GLENDIVE

35 miles W of North Dakota on I-94

Population– 4,802

GLENDIVE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 930, Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-5601

Glendive is the trading and shipping center of an area that produces sugar beets, grain and forage crops. Energy exploration and development is a growing force in Glendive's economy.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing, golf, agate hunting and paddlefishing.

ATTRACTIONS

FRONTIER GATEWAY MUSEUM
Exit 215 off I-94 on Belle Prairie Frontage Rd.
P.O. Box 1186, Glendive, MT 59330
406-365-8168

Prehistoric through 20th century life is displayed in this complex, which consists

of seven buildings, including a blacksmith shop and fire hall. Murals and major displays show fossils, homesteader life, railroad paraphernalia and farm machinery.

Open daily, June–Aug, Mon–Sat 9am–noon and 1–5pm, Sun and holidays 1–5pm. Guided tours available. Admission free, donations accepted.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

MAKOSHIKA STATE PARK
3 miles SE of Glendive off I-94
1301 Snyder Ave., P.O. Box 1242
Glendive, MT 59330-1242
406-365-6256 (MAKO)
Fax 406-365-8043

Makoshika (pronounced ma-KO-shi-ka). The name is a variant spelling of a Lakota phrase meaning "land of bad spirits." Today the badlands of Makoshika are set aside for visitors to enjoy. In addition to the pine- and juniper-studded terrain, picturesque formations sculpted by wind and water can be see from turnouts which overlook a broad vista of badlands. The deep gorges, rugged cliffs, haystack buttes, spires and toadstool formations resulted from millions of years of erosion. The park holds the fossil remains of more than 10 species of dinosaurs. Visitor Center includes dinosaur bones and interpretive displays. Park includes archery and shooting ranges, scenic drives and nature trails, a campground and picnic sites.

Open year-round. Visitor Center open from Memorial Day–Labor Day, 10am–6pm. Labor Day–Memorial Day, 9am–5pm, Mon–Sat, 1–5pm Sun. $3/vehicle or 50¢/walk-in.

GREAT FALLS

Central Montana at junction of I-15 and US 87 and 89

Population– 59,500

GREAT FALLS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434

Known as the "Electric City" because of its numerous dams and power plants, Great Falls is Montana's second largest city and a thriving community. Great Falls was an important stop for Lewis and Clark who, in 1805, discovered and named the Great Falls of the Missouri about 12 miles down river from the city. It was here, too, that famed Western artist Charles M. Russell chose to live and work. Today, Great Falls is the site of Malmstrom Air Force Base, the center of our nation's first Minuteman Missile complex. Located in the center of some of Montana's largest wheat farms, agriculture also plays an important role in this community. Major events that draw visitors to Great Falls are the PRCA Montana Circuit Finals Rodeo in January, the C. M. Russell Auction of Original Western Art in March and the state fair in July.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, cross-country skiing and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

C. M. RUSSELL MUSEUM COMPLEX
400 13th St. N., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8787 Fax 406-727-2402

View one of the nation's finest collections of Western art and history in spacious, modern surroundings. The Trigg collection is the nucleus of the museum's permanent Russell acquisitions. Highly personal and unique, it shows the wide scope of Russell's works and talents. Some of the most popular exhibits are his illustrated letters, which feature Russell's original spelling, entertaining illustrations and down-to-earth humor and philosophy. Besides Russell's oils, watercolors, sketches and bronzes, the museum has outstanding pieces from Russell contemporaries Seltzer, Sharp, Heikka, Couse and others. The museum shop offers many unique gifts such as jewelry, Russell prints and fine Western books. The complex also includes the former home and log cabin studio of Montana's famous cowboy artist. Preserved as it was in the early 1900s, the studio includes displays of Russell's personal objects used as props and references for accuracy.

C. M. RUSSELL MUSEUM

Open May 1–Sept 30, Mon–Sat 9am–6pm, Sun 1–5pm. Winter, Tues–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun 1–5pm. Group tours by appointment. Group admission $3/person.

CHARLES M. BAIR FAMILY MUSEUM
c/o C. M. Russell Museum
400 13th St. N., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8787 Fax 406-727-2402

This museum in Martinsdale, Montana, was the private home of one of Montana's wealthiest and most philanthropic families. The luxurious ranch home is a rich repository of Indian artifacts, paintings by renowned artists such as Charles M. Russell and Joseph Henry Sharp, and some of the finest European antiques and silver to be found. Experience the prosperity enjoyed and now shared by the Bair family.

From US 89, E on US 12, one mile south of Martinsdale turnoff on US 12 between White Sulphur Springs and Harlowton.

Open May 1–Sept 30, Wed–Sun, 10am–5pm. Special group tours. Minimum time: 1 hour. Reservations requested. $3/person, escort and driver free.

GREAT FALLS HISTORIC TROLLEY
156 Woodland Estates
Great Falls, MT 59404
406-452-9216

Discover the magic, history and beauty of Great Falls. You can get off and look around at any stop. You'll see and hear about the Lewis & Clark expedition, Indians of the region, Giant Springs State Park, C. M. Russell Museum complex, historic downtown Great Falls, Paris Gibson Square, railroad history and historic buildings.

Open June–Aug, Mon–Sat, 8:30am–8:30pm, Sun noon–5pm. Special group tours. Minimum time: 90 minutes. $12/person for trolley ride; $15/person for trolley ride and admission to C. M. Russell Museum and Giant Springs. Ticket good for two days.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

LEWIS AND CLARK STATUE, GREAT FALLS

LEWIS AND CLARK HONOR GUARD
c/o Great Falls Chamber of Commerce
P.O. Box 2127, Great Falls, MT 59403
406-761-4434 Fax 406-761-6129

This living history group conducts entertaining, informative programs allowing the audience to participate in the history of the Lewis & Clark Expedition, which explored this region in 1805 and opened the Northwest to trade and settlement. Costumes and equipment are authentic. Programs can be conducted indoors or outside.

Available year-round, Mon–Fri 6–10pm, weekends 10am–10pm. Programs must be arranged 30 days in advance. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission $5/person.

MALMSTROM AIR FORCE BASE MUSEUM AND AIR PARK
E end of 2nd Ave. N inside base main gate
Great Falls, MT 59405
406-731-4044

The museum explains the history of the base, from its role in World War II to its role as the center of our nation's first Minuteman Missile complex. Displays at the air park include a "Huey" helicopter, a Stratotanker used for in-flight refueling, a Minuteman inter-continental ballistic missile and many aircraft used as fighters and bombers.

Open summer, Mon–Sat. Spring and fall, Mon–Fri. Winter, Mon, Wed, Fri noon–3pm. Admission free.

MONTANA COWBOYS' ASSOCIATION MUSEUM
311 3rd St. NW, Great Falls, MT 59401
406-761-9299

The Cowboys' Museum takes a look at what Montana was like during the days of those unsung heroes—the cowboys, stockmen and pioneers. The museum is housed in an authentic log cabin with double fireplaces and hitching posts. It is filled with Old West relics—branding irons, rawhide ropes, ox yokes. More than 500 mementos are on display.

Open daily 11am–2pm, except Christmas and Thanksgiving. Admission free.

PARIS GIBSON SQUARE MUSEUM OF ART
1400 1st Ave. N., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-727-8255 Fax 406-727-8256

Named for the founder of Great Falls and originally built in 1895 as a high school, this beautiful building, constructed from sandstone quarried near Helena, is designated as a National Historic Landmark. The interior features Carolina Oak wainscotting, ornate brass door fixtures and hardwood floors. The museum is the second largest museum dedicated to contemporary art in Montana and also houses the Cascade County Historical Society, Genealogy Society of Great Falls library, Museum Cafe, Museum Gift Shop and a branch of the Montana Wilderness Association.

Open year-round, summer, Mon–Fri 10am–5pm, Tues 7–9pm, weekends noon–5pm. Same winter hours except closed Mon. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free, donations accepted.

URSULINE CENTRE/ACADEMY
2300 Central Ave., Great Falls, MT 59401
406-452-8585 Fax 406-452-8586

Built in the early 1900s, this center once served as a boarding house for girls as well as a convent for the Ursuline Catholic Sisters. Now open to the public, visitors can relive 100 years of the Indian missions in Montana by viewing the religious murals, chapel, artifacts and antiques. Named to the National Historic Register in 1991, the center offers a gift shop and guide service for groups. Afternoon tea or luncheons can be arranged. Reservations must be made two weeks in advance for all visits to the Centre. The Ursuline also hosts two Elderhostels in June and August.

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Open year-round, 8am–5pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $2/tour, $3/tour and snacks.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

GIANT SPRINGS HERITAGE STATE PARK
4 miles NE of downtown Great Falls on Missouri River Drive
4600 Giant Springs Rd.
P.O. Box 6610, Great Falls, MT 59406
406-454-5840

Giant Springs is the largest freshwater springs in the world. First discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, the springs flow at a measured rate of 192,602,431 gallons every 24 hours–a veritable underground river. Lovely picnic grounds and a state fish hatchery are adjacent to this site. If planning a picnic please call two weeks in advance, group user fees may apply.

Open year-round, daily. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission $3/vehicle, buses charged 50¢/person.

GREAT FALLS OF THE MISSOURI
Many visitors to the city ask, "Where are the Great Falls?" There are actually several waterfalls on the Missouri. The "Great Falls" are now the site of Ryan Dam. Take US 87 north from Great Falls and follow the signs to Ryan Dam. The dam is operated by Montana Power Company and arrangements can be made to use their clubhouse facility and outdoor picnic area. Crooked Falls and Rainbow Falls remain almost in their original state and can be viewed from River Drive just outside the city. Black Eagle Falls can be seen from River Drive en route to Giant Springs Heritage State Park.

HAMILTON

See BITTERROOT VALLEY

HARDIN

43 miles SE of Billings on I-90

Population– 2,940

HARDIN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND AGRICULTURE
21 E. 4th St., Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672

Located where the Bighorn and Little Bighorn rivers converge on the edge of the Crow Indian Reservation, Hardin is the

county seat of Big Horn County. The town is surrounded by productive ranches and farms, including the largest wheat farm in the world. Coal mining has also contributed greatly to the local economy.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include boating, river floats, hunting, fishing and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

BIG HORN COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM AND VISITOR CENTER
I-90, Exit 497
Rt. 1, Box 1206A, Hardin, MT 59034
406-665-1672

The museum buildings include a 1911 farmhouse, a log cabin, barn and blacksmith shop, doctor's building, school house, stage coach and station, country store and post office, railroad depot and a church. Displays include exhibits of the cultural past and the military involvement in the area. The air conditioned visitor center contains a wide selection of books and videos pertaining to area history and many gift items.

Open year-round. June–Aug, Mon–Sat 9am–8pm, Sun 9:30am–3:30pm. Sept–May, Mon–Sat 9am–5pm. Closed Sun. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT
See MAJOR ATTRACTIONS

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

APSAALOOKE TOURS
1 Forestry Lane, P.O. Box 370
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-7223 Fax 406-638-7213

Custom tours of the Crow Indian Reservation. Options include the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, Bighorn River floats, Indian cultural presentations, dance performances, Indian food and more. Tours are arranged by the Little Big Horn College tourism department.

Tours offered June–Sept. Rates vary. Notify at least 10 days in advance.

HAVRE

The exact center of the E–W expanse of Montana on US 2

Population– 10,700

HAVRE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 308, Havre, MT 59501
406-265-4383

Located in the rolling plains of north central Montana, Havre was founded more than 100 years ago. The economy is diversified with farming, ranching, hospital and health services, education, professional and retail businesses and the railroad. Havre is the home of MSU-Northern and the headquarters for the Montana Division of the Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad. Havre is surrounded by the Milk River, wheat fields and the Bear Paw Mountains. Self-guided walking tours of historic sites and homes in downtown Havre are available from the Chamber of Commerce.

ATTRACTIONS

BEAR PAW BATTLEGROUND
16 miles S of Chinook on US 240
P.O. Box 26, Chinook, MT 59523
406-357-3130 Fax 406-357-3140

One of Montana's three units of the Nez Perce National Historic Park, the battleground memorializes the last major encounter between American Indians and the U.S. Cavalry. It was here that Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce made his famous speech: "From where the sun now stands, I will fight no more forever." There is an interpretive trail.

Open year-round. Summer open daylight hours; Sept–May by appointment. Full-time park ranger available mid-May–Sept. Minimum time 1.5 hours. Admission free.

HAVRE BENEATH THE STREETS

HISTORIC FORT ASSINNIBOINE
6 miles SW of Havre off US 87, at the Northern Montana Experiment Station.
1416 3rd St., Havre, MT 59501
406-265-4000 or 406-265-8336

Tour a military post of yesterday. The Fort is one of the oldest in existence and the largest in Montana. Previously the frontier home of battalions of American infantry, and cavalry and the site of John J. Pershing's first field assignment. The Fort stands today as a monument to our state's exciting past.

Open May 15–Sept 25. Tours 5pm daily from the Clack Museum at the fairgrounds on US 2 W. Special tours also available. Minimum time: 2 hours. Group admission: $3/adult, $1.50/student, children free.

H. EARL CLACK MEMORIAL MUSEUM
c/o Hill County Courthouse
300 4th St., Havre, MT 59501
406-265-4000

Located on the Hill County Fairgrounds, just west of Havre, the H. Earl Clack Museum gives an accurate picture of the history and development of Havre and the Hi-Line area. The museum features an archaeological excavation of a buffalo jump site and a follow-up to the buffalo kill, explaining it in detail. Four dioramas grace the museum, one by the nationally known artist, Bob Scriver of Browning.

Open daily, May 15–Sept 15, 9am–9pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

HAVRE BENEATH THE STREETS
100 3rd Ave., P.O. Box 1605
Havre, MT 59501
406-265-8888

Wander beneath Havre and visit the Sporting Eagle Saloon, an opium den, (one of three known to exist in the early days) a Chinese laundry, bakery, bordello, barbershop and more. All look as they did at the turn-of-the-century.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 9am–5pm. Winter, noon–5pm. Special tours upon request. Minimum time: 1.5 hours.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

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WAHKPA CHU'GN ARCHAEOLOGY SITE
c/o Hill County Courthouse
US 2 W, 300 4th St., Havre, MT 59501
406-265-6417 or 406-265-4000

One of the largest prehistoric Indian bison kill and campsites. The site was frequently used from approximately 2,000 to 600 years ago. Discovered in the fall of 1961, the site, situated on county land, has been kept in it's natural state. The walking tour will provide a unique and unequaled view of the area's cultural history.

Open mid-May–mid-Sept, Tues–Sun 10am–5pm. Tour Tues–Sat at 7pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Group admission: $4.50/adult, $3/senior, $2/student.

HELENA

Western Montana at junction of 1-15 and US 12

Population– 24,569

HELENA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
225 Cruse St., Suite A, Helena, MT 59601
406-442-4120 or 800-7-HELENA
Fax 406-447-1532

Helena (pronounced HEL-ah-na) owes its existence to the gold discoveries in Last Chance Gulch by four prospectors in the summer of 1864. The discovery of placer gold, quartz gold and silver, as well as lead, created an overnight boom town. In 1875, Helena became the capital of Montana Territory. When Montana became a state, the fight for location of the state capital pitted "Copper King" Marcus Daly of Anaconda against rival William A. Clark, who supported Helena. Helena won, and in October 1898, ground was broken for the new Capitol. Helena, still the seat of Montana's state government, is famous for more than government and politics. Every year, visitors are drawn by the Last Chance Stampede and Fair, the Western Rendezvous of Art, Montana Traditional Jazz Festival, Kaleidoscope Summer Festival and Oktoberfest.

CAPITOL BUILDING, HELENA

Activities and/or guided service for this area include natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, digging for sapphires, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

CATHEDRAL OF ST. HELENA
Corner of Lawrence and Warren St.
530 N. Ewing St., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-5825

The Cathedral of St. Helena was constructed at the turn of the century during the episcopate of Bishop John Carroll. It is an outstanding example of decorated, or geometrical Gothic architecture, patterned after the church of the Sacred Heart in Vienna, Austria. Stained glass windows, white marble altars, statues and genuine gold leaf decorate the sanctuary. Outside, majestic twin spires rise 230 feet above the street.

Open year-round, daily 10am–4pm. Daily Mass in Day Chapel, Mon, Wed, Fri, 8am; Tues, Thurs, 5:20pm. Pre-arranged guided tours take 1 hour, $10 donation requested.

GRANDSTREET THEATER
325 N. Park Ave.
P.O. Box 1258, Helena, MT 59624
406-442-4270 (business office)
406-443-3311 (reservations)

Grandstreet Theater is an amateur year-round community theater dedicated to establishing and maintaining standards of artistic excellence in the Helena community by producing live theatrical entertainment. Seven fully-staged productions are offered each season in the historic theater. Discount packages on group tickets. Special tours for groups.

Curtain time at 8pm, Thurs–Sat. June–Aug, Tues–Sat shows, 7pm.

HOLTER MUSEUM OF ART
12 E. Lawrence St., Helena, MT 59601
406-442-6400 Fax 406-442-2404

The Holter presents a program of visual arts exhibitions for the education, inspiration and enrichment of the public. Permanent and temporary exhibitions show both contemporary and historic pieces from local, regional, national and international sources.

Open year-round. Summer, Tues–Sat 10am–5:30pm, Sun noon–5pm. Winter, Tues–Fri 11:30am–5pm, Sat–Sun, noon–5pm. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

ORIGINAL GOVERNOR'S MANSION
304 N. Ewing
c/o Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, P.O. Box 201201
Helena, MT 59620-1201
406-444-2694 Fax 406-444-2696

Constructed in 1888 for wealthy industrialist W. A. Chessman, this building served as the Helena home for nine Montana governors from 1913 to 1959. It contains 20 rooms and seven fireplaces, all restored to turn-of-the-century elegance and furnished with antiques. Tours, conducted on a regular basis, concentrate on the history of the house and its furnishings. During warm weather, tours include the mansion's carriage house.

Open April 1–Dec 31, Tues–Sun noon–4pm. Jan–March, group tours by appointment only. Public tours hourly, minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-4789

Founded in 1865, the Montana Historical Society is the state's historical institution. One of the country's most important collections of Charles M. Russell art is on view in the Mackay Gallery; the Haynes Gallery features the life and work of noted frontier photographer F. Jay Haynes; and changing exhibits are presented in the northeast gallery and the lobby. "Montana Homeland," the museum's interpretation of the state's history, opened in 1988. The state archives and historical library are also in the building. A bookstore featuring books on Montana and the West, Charles M. Russell prints and various gift items is located in the lobby area.

Open year-round. Summer, Mon–Fri 8am–6pm, weekends and holidays 9am–5pm. Winter, Mon–Fri 8am–5pm, Sat 9am–5pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

REEDERS ALLEY
121 Reeders Alley, off S. Park Ave.
P.O. Box 316, Helena, MT 59624
406-449-2552

Reeders Alley, a brick hostelry built in 1882 for gold miners, is now a block of unique shops housed in the old bachelors' quarters. Included are a restaurant, pioneer cabin and shops featuring Made in Montana items, stained glass, leather goods, Wild West Photography, EcoTours of Montana, rock shop, Native American shop, barber and artist.

Shops are open 10am–8pm. Stonehouse restaurant open for lunch 11:30am–2pm and dinner Mon–Thurs, 5:30–9pm, Fri–Sun, 5–10pm. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

STATE CAPITOL
Montana Ave. and Sixth Ave.
c/o Montana Historical Society
225 N. Roberts, Helena, MT 59620
406-444-4789

On a gentle slope surrounded by 10 acres of spacious lawns and other state buildings, Montana's Capitol looks north over the beautiful Prickly Pear Valley. The building is constructed of sandstone and granite. A statue depicting Liberty sits atop the copper dome. A walk through the Capitol will allow you to view many beautiful paintings, including Charles M. Russell's magnificent historical depiction of Lewis and Clark meeting the Indians at Ross' Hole on September 5, 1805. The main section of the Capitol was completed in 1902. The two wings were completed in 1912.

Early June–Labor Day, guided tours , hourly, 9am–4pm. Self tours 8am–6pm. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

CANYON FERRY STATE PARK
c/o Bureau of Reclamation
7661 Canyon Ferry Rd.
Helena, MT 59601
406-475-3310

Canyon Ferry State Park is a 42,000-acre park managed by the Bureau of Reclamation. It is a large reservoir that is enjoyed year-round for camping, boating, water skiing, swimming, ice fishing and wildlife watching (bald eagle gathering Nov–mid-Dec).

Open daily 8am–5pm. Tours of Canyon Ferry Dam are available. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

GATES OF THE MOUNTAINS BOAT TOURS
16 miles N of Helena off I-15
P.O. Box 478, Helena, MT 59624
406-458-5241

This area was named by Captain Lewis of the Lewis and Clark Expedition in 1805. Towering cliffs appeared to block the way up the Missouri River. As they neared the cliffs and changed directions, the cliffs seemed to pull apart like a huge gate. This spectacular gorge is reached only by boat or trail. Ninety and 49-passenger excursion boats operate from Hilger Landing and make a stop at the Meriwether Picnic Ground. You may stay at the picnic area and catch another excursion boat back.

Memorial Day weekend–late Sept. Charter service available for groups of 20 or more. Minimum time: 2 hours. Group admission $7.50/adult, $6.50/senior, $4.50/child.

LAST CHANCER TOUR TRAIN

LAST CHANCER TOUR TRAIN
225 Cruse Ave., Suite A
Helena, MT 59601
406-442-1023

The tour train features informative, entertaining tours of the city. The tour begins at the Montana Historical Society and covers most of the major points of interest in the city. The Pioneer Cabin, the Old Fire Tower and the elegant 19th century mansions constructed by Helena's wealthy miners and merchants are just a few of the things one can see on this tour. Step-on guides available year round.

May–Sept, daily. Depart on the hour from the Historical Society. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $4.50/adult, $4/senior, $3.50/child. Group rate: $205.

KALISPELL/ FLATHEAD VALLEY

NW Montana at junction of US 2 and 93

Population– 11,917

KALISPELL AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OR FLATHEAD CONVENTION AND VISITOR ASSOCIATION
15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
406-756-9091 or 800-543-3105
Fax 406-257-2500

Kalispell, located in the beautiful Flathead Valley, is situated near Glacier National Park, Flathead Lake and The Big Mountain Ski & Summer Resort. Due to the mild climate and abundant precipitation, the Kalispell area not only produces livestock and grain crops, but also such moisture-loving crops as sweet cherries, seed potatoes, Christmas trees and peppermint. Another important industry is wood products. Kalispell is a lively and friendly town with lots of shopping, art galleries, a historic walking tour and many festival events throughout the year.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

CONRAD MANSION NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE MUSEUM
6 blocks E of Main on 4th St.
P.O. Box 1041, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-2166

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, this 26-room Norman-style mansion was the home of C.E. Conrad, Montana pioneer, Missouri River freighter and founder of the city of Kalispell. All rooms furnished in originals. The museum offers the authentic examples of turn-of-the-century living in the Pacific Northwest.

Open May 15–June 14, 10am–5:30pm; June 15–Sept 15, 9am–8pm; Sept 16–Oct 15, 10am–5:30pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $5/adult; $1/child. Group rate $4/person for 20 or more people.

Tours Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily at noon, 3pm and 6pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission charged.

CONRAD MANSION

HOCKADAY CENTER FOR THE ARTS
2nd Ave. E. at 3rd St.
P.O. Box 83, Kalispell, MT 59903
406-755-5268 Fax 406-755-2023

Housed in a 1902 Carnegie library building, the newly renovated building features rotating national and international exhibits. The Hockaday sponsors many performing arts groups and fairs throughout the year. News of upcoming events and exhibitions available on request.

Open year-round, Tues–Fri 10am–4pm, Sat 10am–3pm. Special group tours by arrangement. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $2/adult, $1/seniors, under 18 free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FLATHEAD LAKE
Flathead Convention and
Visitors Association
15 Depot Park, Kalispell, MT 59901
406-756-9091 or 800-543-3105
Fax 406-257-2500

The largest freshwater lake west of the Mississippi River, Flathead Lake is a beautiful playground for water sports enthusiasts. Boating, fishing, sailing and sea kayaking are a few of the activities enjoyed by visitors to the area. Wildlife watching is also high on the list of things to do. Wild Horse Island provides unique habitat for bighorn sheep, wild horses and 75 species of birds, including bald eagles and osprey.

The southern half of the lake lies within the boundaries of the Flathead Indian Reservation, home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. The People's Cultural Center, a gallery, learning center and gift shop, can provide tours of the reservation and its many cultural opportunities.

LAUREL

15 miles W of Billings on I-90

Population– 6,343

LAUREL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 395, Laurel, MT 59044
406-628-8105

Located at the junction of I-90 and US 212, Laurel serves as one of the gateways to Yellowstone National Park. Many area settlers were of German descent, and in 1973 the residents of Laurel began an annual Herbstfest, after the traditional German celebration. The Chief Joseph Monument on the outskirts of Laurel rests where the famous Nez Perce chief passed, leading his tribe toward Canada in 1877.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, boating, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, and cross-country and downhill skiing.

LEWISTOWN

SUPERHOST

Central Montana at junction of US 87 and 191 and MT 200

Population– 6,300

LEWISTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 818, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436

Situated in the geographical center of the state, Lewistown began as a small trading post on the Carroll Trail between Helena and the mouth of the Musselshell River. The Croatians from Bribir near the Adriatic did much of the town's stonework and the high quality interior of the buildings was crafted by Norwegian and other highly skilled workers. Together, they add a distinctive, lasting imprint on the beauty of the town. Today, Lewistown is surrounded by large cattle ranches and wheat farms and is still a major trading center.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, natural hot springs, hikes, boating, resort cabins, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, gold-panning, cross-country skiing, and snowmobiling.

CHARLIE RUSSELL CHEW CHOO

ATTRACTIONS

CENTRAL MONTANA HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
408 NE. Main, P.O. Box 818
Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-5436

Stories of the famous Charlie Russell, Granville Stuart, James Fergus and Teddy Blue Abbott come alive at the Central Montana Historical Society Museum. The rich history of central Montana includes the notorious Vigilante Raids of 1884 and the killing of Rattlesnake Jake on July 4, 1884. There are many pictures and mementos of early ranchers, homesteaders, and miners.

Open daily 9am–4pm. Memorial Day–Labor Day, Sat–Sun 10am–4pm. Tours available with advance arrangements. Admission free.

CHARLIE RUSSELL CHEW-CHOO
224 W. Main, P.O. Box 1123
Lewistown, MT 59457
800-735-7886 Fax 406-538-7477

Travel over three 150-foot-high trestles and through a 1/2 mile tunnel on the former Milwaukee Railroad Line. You'll see 30 miles of scenic landscape that inspired Montana's renowned Western artist Charlie Russell. Full course prime rib dinner and Western hospitality included.

Tours depart weekend evenings late June–Sept or by appointment. Boarding time, 5pm. Minimum time: 4.5 hours. Admission $69/person.

LEWISTOWN ART CENTER
801 W. Broadway, Lewistown, MT 59457
406-538-8378

Two historic buildings were combined to create the Lewistown Art Center. The center houses three galleries, educational classrooms and the Signature Shop for sale of consignment art from area artists. The exhibits rotate monthly. The center also sponsors a variety of quality performing arts throughout the year.

Open year-round, Tues–Sat 11:30am–5:30pm. Special group tours. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

LIBBY

Extreme NW Montana
at junction of US 2 and MT 37

Population– 2,532

LIBBY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 704, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-4167 Fax 406-293-3222

In this mountainous northwest corner of the state, abundant with forests, the lumber industry provides more than half of the employment in the area. Festive events held here each year are Libby Logger Days and Nordicfest.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing, and snowmobiling.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

LIBBY DAM PROJECT
17115 MT 37, Libby, MT 59923
406-293-5577 Fax 406-764-3681
vicky.a.silcox@internet.nps.usace.army.mil

Blackwell Flats, Dunn Creek Flats, Alexander Creek and Downstream Watchable Wildlife and Natural Pond areas are operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Camp sites with picnic tables, fire rings and fishing are located along the shorelines of the Kootenai River below Libby Dam. The Visitor Center has an exhibit area and an auditorium that shows a slide presentation about the Libby Dam project. Adjacent to the center is the Souse Gulch Day area with picnic tables, playgrounds, host site, picnic shelters, boat ramp and courtesy docks. Weekend interpretive projects are presented by the park ranger staff. Schedules are posted at all recreation areas.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 9:30am–6pm. Call two weeks ahead for guided group tours of the dam and powerhouse. Tours leave from the visitor center and take about 1 hour, requiring a 1.25 mile walk. Mini-tours also available. Admission free.

ROSS CREEK CEDARS SCENIC AREA
Off MT 56, S of Bull Lake
1437 US 2, Troy, MT 59935
406-295-4693

This 100-acre scenic area is home to a grove of giant, ancient western red cedars. Some of these trees grow up to 12 feet in diameter and 175 feet in height. The largest tree is estimated to be more than 500 years old. A 0.9-mile graveled trail leads through the cedars, and descriptive signing is in place for self-guided tours. The trail is very easy to walk with a flat grade and several cedar foot bridges spanning Ross Creek. Benches are placed along the trail for rest and extended observation. The road into the cedars area is paved, but is narrow and winding.

Open all day, mid-May–late-Oct. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission free.

LIVINGSTON

50 miles N of Yellowstone
National Park on I-90

Population– 7,500

LIVINGSTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
212 W. Park, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-0850 Fax 406-222-0852

Original entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Livingston had its beginning in 1882, when the railroad arrived. The branch line south to Yellowstone Park carried countless tourists to Gardiner where they boarded a stagecoach into the nation's first national park. Farming and mining were the economic mainstays in the early days; today's industries include fly-tying, lumber manufacturing and locomotive repair. Livingston is also a vacation paradise offering outdoor activities as well as a historic district, museums, art galleries and theater amidst the pristine beauty of five surrounding mountain ranges.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include blue-ribbon fishing, hikes, river floats, hunting, trail rides, dog sled treks and cross-country skiing.

ATTRACTIONS

FIREHOUSE 5 PLAYHOUSE
US 89, .5 mile S of Livingston in
Sleeping Giant Trade Center
Rt. 62, Box 3110B, Mailing: P.O. Box 1264
Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-1420 or 800-SLAPSTICK

LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER

Live theatre presented year-round. Summer schedule includes classic modern-day vaudeville in a cabaret-style setting. Winter schedule includes major musicals, concerts, comedy clubs. The theatre itself is decorated with fire memorabilia and is complete with movie-style concessions.

Open mid-May–mid-Oct, showtimes Tues–Sun at 8pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm. Special events scheduled rest of the year. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission negotiable.

LIVINGSTON DEPOT CENTER
200 W. Park, P.O. Box 1319
Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-2300

The historic Northern Pacific train depot has been restored to its original grandeur to accommodate exhibitions of history and art of the region. Subjects include Western history, railroad history and art by national, international and regional artists. The imposing brick structure resembles an Italian villa with its curved colonnade and rich terra-cotta ornament along the track side. The original interior was lavishly decorated with mosaic trim, terrazzo floor and wrought-iron ticket windows. Livingston area Chamber of Commerce is located in the depot complex.

Open mid-May–mid-Oct, Mon–Sat 9am–5pm, Sun 1–5pm, and for special events throughout the year. Other times by appointment. Bus parking on site. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Group rates.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

PARK COUNTY MUSEUM
118 W. Chinook, Livingston, MT 59047
406-222-4184

This local museum is housed in the former North Side School, built in 1907. Interior and exterior displays include Pioneer Paraphernalia, Home of Yesteryear, Native Cultures, an original Yellowstone Park stagecoach, a sheep wagon, a Northern Pacific caboose and historic fire engines. Genealogy research a speciality.

Open June 1–Labor Day, daily noon–5pm and 7-9pm. Other times by appointment. Special guided tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission charged.

MILES CITY

E Montana on I-94 and MT 59

Population– 8,461

MILES CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
901 Main St., Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-2890 Fax 406-232-6914

The cavalry set up camp at the mouth of the Tongue River on the Yellowstone after the 1876 campaign of "rounding up hostile Indians." Their commanding officer was Colonel Nelson A. Miles and this camp was the beginning of Miles City. It soon became a stopping place on the long cattle drives from Texas. As the cattle industry became more important, it was fitting that the Montana Stockgrowers Association was formed here in 1884. The coming of the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1881 predetermined that Miles City should become, and still is, a leading cattle market. The Range Riders Museum chronicles the colorful history of the area. Miles City is the home of a popular rodeo called the Bucking Horse Sale, held each year in May.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

CUSTER COUNTY ART CENTER
Water Plant Rd. off MT 10 W
P.O. Box 1284, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-0635

The Custer County Art Center is located in the former holding tanks of the old Miles City Water Works. The structure, built of

reinforced concrete through 1924, is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and received the first Governor's Historic Preservation Award for best adaptive reuse of a historic building. Two large exhibition halls accommodate an average of 10 exhibits in the visual arts that are of local, regional, national and international scope. Special lectures, demonstrations and workshops take place throughout the year. The Art Center is located in a park setting adjacent to the Yellowstone River.

Open Feb–Dec, Tues–Sun 1–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

RANGE RIDERS MUSEUM AND MEMORIAL HALL
Old MT 10 W, Exit 135 off I-94
Rt. 1 Box 2203, Miles City, MT 59301
406-232-4483 or 406-232-6146

This museum occupies the site of an old Army cantonment built in 1876. Housed here is one of the finest collections of cattle, cowboy and other lore to be found anywhere. Exhibits include a Fort Keogh replica, a carriage house with horse-drawn vehicles, a reproduced main street of old Milestown, a homestead log house, gun collection, cowboy artifacts, reproduced Milwaukee Railroad shops, replica of largest ranch in the area, Chief Lame Deer's battle with General Miles and famed one-room school.

Open April–Oct, daily 8am–8pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Admission $3.50/adult, $3/senior, 50¢/children.

MISSOULA

W. Montana on I-90 at junction of US 93

Population– 57,000

MISSOULA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 7577, Missoula, MT 59807
406-543-6623 or 800-526-3465
Fax 406-543-6625

Missoula, at the mouth of Hellgate Canyon, straddles the route the Salish Indians traveled to reach the Great Plains to hunt buffalo. Lewis and Clark later followed the same route through the canyon and camped west of its entrance on the site of present day Missoula. Situated on the banks of the Clark Fork River, Missoula is home to the University of Montana. This 10,000 student campus includes the 22,000-acre Lubrecht Experimental Forest, northeast of the city. Missoula is known as the cultural, retail and medical hub of western Montana. Montana Snowbowl and Marshall ski areas provide winter recreation nearby as well as summer chairlift rides. Missoula celebrates several major events, including the International Wildlife Film Festival in April, Valley Oop! and International Choral Festival in July, United People's Powwow and Encampment and Western Montana Fair in August.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include historic trolley tours, hayrides, natural hot springs, hikes, river floats, whitewater rafting, hunting, fishing, golf, cross-country and downhill skiing and snowmobiling.

ATTRACTIONS

AERIAL FIRE DEPOT AND SMOKEJUMPER CENTER
US 93, .5 mile W of the airport
P.O. Box 6, Airport Terminal
Missoula, MT 59802
406-329-4934 or 406-329-4900

Smokejumpers are highly trained specialists who parachute into remote areas of national forest to fight the spread of wildfires. The nation's largest training base for smokejumpers is located in Missoula. The visitor center at the Depot offers updated displays, dioramas and videos related to fire suppression. Guided tours are given of the parachute loft.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 8:30am–5pm. Tours start at 10am, no tour from noon–1pm. Duration of tour: 45 minutes to 1 hour. Minimum time to visit depot without tour: 20 minutes. Admission free, donations accepted.

CAROUSEL
One Caras Park, P.O. Box 3345
Missoula, MT 59806
406-549-8382 Fax 406-549-0314

A Carousel for Missoula is the first fully hand-carved carousel to be built in the United States since the Great Depression. Its 38 horses and two chariots were crafted in wood by volunteers. The Carriage House Gift Shop at the Carousel has a delightful selection of collectibles, souvenirs and local art work. The Carousel revolves to the sound of the largest band organ in continuous use in the United States.

Open year-round, daily, Memorial Day–Labor Day 11am-7pm. Labor Day–Memorial Day noon–5:30pm.

HISTORICAL MUSEUM AT FORT MISSOULA
South Ave. 1 mile W of Reserve St.
Building 322, Fort Missoula
Missoula, MT 59801
406-728-3476

The Historical Museum at Fort Missoula is located on 32 acres at the core of what was historic Fort Missoula (1877-1947). The museum presents the history of Missoula County and western Montana. The site has 13 historic structures including a restored one-room schoolhouse and a Forest Service lookout. The sales shop features Made in Montana products. Festivals are held on July 4 and in May. Special programs held year-round.

Open year-round. Summer, Tues–Sat 10am–5pm, Sun noon–5pm. Rest of year, Tues–Sun noon–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 1 hour. Group admission $1/adult.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN ELK FOUNDATION WILDLIFE VISITOR CENTER
2291 W. Broadway, Missoula, MT 59802
406-523-4545

The Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation is an international wildlife conservation organization with members in all 50 states and more than 28 foreign countries. The national headquarters is located in Missoula and is home to a beautiful Wildlife Visitor Center housing a magnificent collection of wildlife displays, world record elk mounts, wildlife art and gifts. The Visitor Center truly captures the spirit of elk country.

Open year-round, daily, Memorial Day–Labor day 8am–6pm. Winter, 8:30am–5pm. Scheduled tours available. Admission free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

HISTORIC NINEMILE REMOUNT DEPOT VISITOR CENTER
22 miles W of Missoula on I-90,
then 4 miles N at Exit 82
20325 Remount Rd., Huson, MT 59846
406-626-5201 Fax 406-626-5819

The center provides a historic journey to the days of early firefighting in the rugged northern Rockies. From 1930 to 1953 the depot supplied packers and pack animals for fighting fires and for backcountry work. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the complex looks much as it did in the '30s when the Civilian Conservation Corps constructed its Cape Cod-style buildings.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 9am–5pm. Guided or self-guided tours. Admission free.

MONTANA SNOWBOWL SKI AND SUMMER RESORT
1700 Snowbowl Rd.
P.O. Box 8226, Missoula, MT 59807
406-549-9777

Boasting a skiable vertical drop of 2,600 feet, Montana Snowbowl is known for some of the most exciting and challenging ski runs in North America. Summer visitors enjoy spectacular scenery from the sky rides on the chairlift, miles of mountain bike and hiking trails, an orienteering course, and wildflower and wildlife viewing. Facilities on the mountain include the Last Run Saloon, Double Diamond Cafe, day care, rental and accessory shop, ski school and mid-mountain Grizzly Chalet.

Open late Nov–early April and late June–mid-Sept.

PANGAEA EXPEDITIONS
180 S. 3rd W.
P.O. Box 5753, Missoula, MT 59806
406-721-7719

From wild to mild, Pangaea Expeditions has a rafting adventure for everyone. Enjoy a relaxing 2-hour float through historic Hellgate Canyon and into town or a mild scenic float down the Blackfoot River. For the more adventurous there is exciting whitewater on a full day trip through the infamous Alberton Gorge. The full day trip includes lunch.

May 1–Sept 15. Minimum time: 2 hours. $50/full-day, $30/half-day, $20/2 hours.

CAROUSEL, MISSOULA

POLSON/ FLATHEAD VALLEY

S shore of Flathead Lake on US 93

Population– 4,000

POLSON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 677, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-5969

Polson is located in a natural amphitheater at the south end of Flathead Lake. This charming lakeside community is the trading center for one of Montana's most fertile farming areas. The Cherry Festival, Flathead Lake Hoopfest and Montana Fiddlers' Championships are held here annually.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, golf, cross-country skiing, snowmobiling and lake cruises.

ATTRACTIONS

ALLARD'S FLATHEAD INDIAN MUSEUM & TRADING POST
1 Museum Lane, US 93
St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406-745-2951 or 800-821-3318
Fax 406-745-2961

Located in the Mission Valley, this complex includes the Flathead Indian Museum, a live buffalo exhibit and a two-story log trading post and gift shop featuring local beadwork and crafts. Watch jam, jelly and syrup being made the old-fashioned way at the gourmet huckleberry jam factory while you enjoy a huckleberry ice cream cone or fresh huckleberry pie. Convenience store on site.

Open year-round, May–Sept, 9am–9pm. Oct–April, 9am–5:30pm. Huckleberry Jam Factory open May–Sept. Guided group tours with advance notice. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

MIRACLE OF AMERICA MUSEUM
58176 US 93, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-6804

This is a pioneer, patriotic and military museum. Displays feature Indian artifacts, cars, motorcycles, guns, sleighs, snowmobiles, toys, dolls, military memorabilia, musical instruments, vintage clothing, the Montana DUI Victim Memorial Board and homestead items. Behind the main building is a village of over 20 buildings which includes the Montana Fiddlers Hall of Fame, a blacksmith shop, saddlery, general store, 1912 school house, sod-roofed cabin, logging cook shack, carpentry shop and early bank, each full of artifacts. The museum also features boats, horse drawn vehicles, trucks, cars, even rescue helicopters. The size and diversity of the collection have earned this museum the nickname, "Smithsonian of the West."

Open daily, June–Aug 7am–7pm. Sept–May 8am–5pm. Group tours by request. Minimum time: 2 hours. Reasonable rates.

NATIONAL BISON RANGE
30 miles S of Polson, off US 93
132 Bison Range Rd., Moiese, MT 59824
406-644-2211

Established in 1908, this 18,000-acre national wildlife refuge is home to some 300-500 American bison more commonly known as buffalo. The range also maintains herds of elk, mule deer, whitetail deer, bighorn sheep and pronghorn antelope. A 19-mile scenic drive beginning and ending at the range headquarters gives visitors the best opportunity to view wildlife. A shorter drive is also available. A visitor center with exhibits and picnic area is at the headquarters. Steep downgrades on the long scenic loop require standard transmission on coaches.

BISON

Open year-round, daily during daylight hours. The longer scenic route is open mid-May–late Oct. Minimum time: 40 minutes. Long tour: 2 hours. Buses and tour groups $20. Vans, 5 or fewer people, $4; 6-10 people, $8; more than 10 people, $10.

THE PEOPLE'S CENTER
53253 US 93, P.O. Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
406-675-0160 or 800-883-5344
Fax 406-675-0260

This tribal center exists to share the Salish, Kootenai and Pend Oreille way of life through educational programs, a living museum, library, archives and gift shop.

Open year-round, April–Sept, daily 9am–7pm. Oct–March, Mon–Fri 9am-5pm. Group tours available. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Group admission $2/adult, $1/senior and student, children 6 and under free.

PORT POLSON PLAYERS
Polson Performing Arts Center,
Polson Golf Course
P.O. Box 1152, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-9212 or 406-883-4691

Port Polson Players are known for their sophisticated comedy and musical productions using professional performers. The intimate, newly renovated space seats 150 patrons comfortably, and features a panoramic view of Flathead Lake and the Mission Mountains. Past performances include *Nunsense, Blithe Spirit* and *The Nerd.* Future performances will include *Forever Plaid* and *Steel Magnolias.*

Performing July–Aug, Wed–Sun 8:30pm. Group rates.

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION
Jesuit Mission, St. Ignatius, MT 59865
406-745-2768 or 406-745-3374 (for tours only)

The beautiful St. Ignatius Mission was built with local materials by Indians and missionaries in 1891. The million bricks were made with local clay, the lumber was cut in the nearby foothills and the striking interior murals were designed and painted by Brother Joseph Carignano, the mission cook. There are 58 murals in all, painted on the walls and ceiling. The original residence and chapel, built in 1854, are located next to the mission church. Inside a log cabin are exhibits of early artifacts, Indian arts and crafts, and other historical items.

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION

Open May–Oct 15, daily 9am–5pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 30 minutes. Admission free.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

FLATHEAD LAKE
see KALISPELL

PRINCESS BOAT TOURS
303 US 93 E, Polson, MT 59860
406-883-2448

Boat tours of Flathead Lake on the Princess feature comfortable passenger accommodations on upper and main decks and restroom facilities.

Daily, June–Sept, 10:30am–9pm. Tours last 1.5 to 3 hours. Available for charter tours. Admission charged.

RED LODGE

Between Billings and Yellowstone National Park on US 212

Population– 1,958

RED LODGE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Box 998, Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-1718

Red Lodge is a resort and ranching community with a colorful coal-mining past. At one time, "Liver Eatin" Jeremiah Johnson was a sheriff in Red Lodge. This charming alpine town is nestled in the foothills of the magnificent Beartooth Mountains. Due to the proximity of Yellowstone National Park and Red Lodge Mountain ski area, tourism plays a key role in the economy. Red Lodge holds a nine-day Festival of Nations every August in honor of the many nationalities that settled here as miners. The community celebrates the 4th of July every year with its popular Home of Champions Rodeo.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY
US 212 between Red Lodge and Yellowstone National Park

It takes about three hours to drive the Beartooth Highway with some of the world's most breathtaking and magnificent mountain scenery at every turn. The Beartooth has been described as the most beautiful drive in America by CBS news correspondent Charles Kuralt. The highway crosses Beartooth Pass at an elevation of 10,940 feet.

The road is open to traffic approximately May 15–Oct 15, but is closed during the winter months.

BEARTOOTH NATURE CENTER
N edge of town off US 212 on 2nd Ave. E.
P.O. Box 675, Red Lodge MT 59068
406-446-1133

This new and growing Nature Center features a petting farm of domesticated animals as well as native Montana animals–mountain lions, bobcat, elk, black bears, fox, coyote, wolves and more.

Open Memorial Day–Oct. Weather permitting. Daily 10am–6pm.

RED LODGE MOUNTAIN
101 Ski Run Rd., P.O. Box 750
Red Lodge, MT 59068
406-446-2610

Come experience a whole new side of Red Lodge Mountain Resort. Two new high speed detachable quad chairs will sweep you into the newly expanded Cole Creek area. The new lifts, our existing triple chair, four double chairs and a mitey mite allow skiers to explore over 60 trails and groomed slopes. Great ski programs for all

BEARTOOTH HIGHWAY

ages, two full-service restaurants, two cafeterias, ARC appointed travel agency for all your vacation needs, ski accessory and gift shop and a complete ski rental and repair shop are available at Red Lodge Mountain Resort.

Open late-Nov–mid-April, daily 9am–4pm. Special group rates and packages.

ST. IGNATIUS

See POLSON

SCOBEY

NE corner of Montana at junction of MT 5 and 13

Population– 1,154

DANIELS COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 91, Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5502

Scobey, the seat of Daniels County, lies 14 miles from the Canadian border in the heart of grain and cattle country. The annual Scobey Pioneer Days and Antique Show and Prairie Art Show is held in late June. Lions Big Roar–old fashioned Fourth of July.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, golf and hunting.

ATTRACTIONS

DANIELS COUNTY MUSEUM AND PIONEER TOWN
7 W. County Rd., P.O. Box 133
Scobey, MT 59263
406-487-5965 or 406-487-5502

The museum serves to preserve the pioneer heritage of the area. Authentically restored Pioneer Town includes a main street and 40 buildings with merchandise from the homesteading era, including homesteader's shacks and homes, a bank, doctor's office, general stores, a church, dentist office, blacksmith shop and the Dirty Shame Saloon. The museum's collection of steam tractors is highlighted at the annual Pioneer Days, held in late June.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily, 1–5pm. Guided group tours. Minimum time: 2 hours. Admission $5/adult, $3/child; minimum of 10 people in a group.

SEELEY LAKE

NW Montana on US 83, S of Glacier National Park

Population– 1,000

SEELEY LAKE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 516, Shelby, MT 59868
406-677-2880

Beginning at the charming village of Bigfork on the north and ending at Clearwater Junction on the south, this 91-mile stretch of road is commonly known as the "Seeley-Swan Highway" or the "Chain of Lakes." Running between two majestic mountain ranges, and following the Swan and Clearwater rivers past pristine lakes and heavily wooded slopes, MT 83 provides the most scenic route between Glacier and Yellowstone national parks.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides, cross-country skiing and snowmobiling.

SHELBY

36 miles S of Canada at junction of I-15 and US 2

Population– 2,763

SHELBY AREA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 865, Shelby, MT 59474
406-434-7184

Westward expansion of the Great Northern Railroad gave birth to Shelby, principally a ranching center from 1891 until oil was discovered nearby in 1922. Shelby was the site of the World Heavyweight Championship Fight between Dempsey and Gibbons on July 4, 1923. An excellent Indian artifacts collection is on display at the Toole County Library.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include hikes, hunting, fishing and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

MARIAS MUSEUM OF HISTORY AND ART
1st St. N. and 12th Ave., P.O. Box 895
Shelby, MT 59474
406-434-2551 or 406-434-2566
or 406-434-2305 or 432-2182

Toole County history is displayed including memorabilia from the Dempsey-Gibbons fight in 1923, musical instruments, oil field and railroad exhibits. A homestead shack, school house, caboose and farm machinery are displayed in the yard.

Open June–Aug, Mon–Fri 1–5pm and 7–9pm, weekends, 1–5pm. Sept–May, Tues 1–5pm. Call to arrange a time for a tour.

SIDNEY

8 miles W of North Dakota at junction of MT 16 and 200

Population– 5,217

SIDNEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
909 S. Central, Sidney, MT 59270
406-482-1916

This eastern Montana town by the Yellowstone River is the center of trade for the area. Oil and agriculture are the prominent industries and crops include grains, sugar beets, corn, beans and hay.

Activities include fishing for many warm water species, including the huge prehistoric paddlefish; agate hunting along the Yellowstone; hunting big game, waterfowl and upland birds; and exploring the famous Lewis & Clark Trail. The lush irrigated valley with the backdrop of bluffs, badlands and red, scoria hills is a photographer's dream.

ATTRACTIONS

MONDAK HERITAGE CENTER
120 3rd Ave. SE., P.O. Box 50
Sidney, MT 59270
406-482-3500 Fax 406-482-3500

The center features a 16-unit turn-of-the-century street scene, complete with boardwalks, the St. Cyr gun collection, area artifacts and early photos. Two main art galleries house changing exhibits. Other displays include a horse-drawn sleigh, dinosaur bones, two original J.K. Ralston paintings and a 1906 Model N Ford.

Open year-round. Summer, Mon–Fri 10am-noon and 1-5pm; weekends 1–5pm. Winter, Tues–Sun 1–5pm. Special tours for groups with advance notice. Minimum time:

FORT UNION TRADING POST

1 hour. Admission $2.50/adults, $1.50/students, children under 5 free.

FORT UNION TRADING POST NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE
21 miles N of Sidney
RR 3, Box 71, Williston, ND 58801
701-572-9083 Fax 406-572-7321

The American Fur Company built Fort Union in 1828, near the confluence of the Missouri and Yellowstone rivers. Trade with Indians prospered for 39 years and the fort emerged as a center of hospitality in the Upper Missouri country. Today this site is preserved as a unit of the national park system. Much of the fort has been reconstructed, including the Bourgeois House, which serves as a visitor center and museum. A Fur Trade Rendezvous is held each year in mid-June.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, daily 8am–8pm. Rest of the year 9am–5:30pm. Summer living history program, daily 9am–5pm. Guided tours available with advance arrangements. Admission free.

SUPERIOR

48 miles from Idaho border on I-90

Population– 881

SUPERIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
301 2nd Ave., P.O. Box 533
Superior, MT 59872
406-822-4891

Superior, county seat of Mineral County, is located along the Clark fork River and the route of the old Mullan Trail.

Mineral County is the site of one of the large gold strikes that helped settle the West. In the 1860s and '70s, several thousand miners converged on Cedar Creek to earn their fortunes. Long after that strike played out, mining remained a mainstay of the economy. Mining, along with the development of logging and Forest Service activities contribute to the area's interesting history. Activities and/or guided service for this area include hikes, hunting and fishing.

ATTRACTIONS

MINERAL COUNTY MUSEUM
301 2nd Ave., P.O. Box 533
Superior, MT 59872
406-822-4516 or 406-822-4078 or
406-822-4626 (museum volunteers)

Display subjects explore local history and industry, including John Mullan and the Mullan Road.

Open by appointment only. Admission free.

THREE FORKS

SW Montana at junction of I-90 and US 287

Population– 1,800

THREE FORKS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Box 1103, Three Forks, MT 59752
406-285-4556 Fax 406-285-4724

Discovered by Lewis and Clark in 1805, Three Forks is located at the historically significant site where the Madison, Jefferson and Gallatin rivers converge to form the Missouri River. Agriculture and tourism are the main industries here.

Activities and/or guided services for this area include ranch vacations and activities, hikes, boating, resort cabins, river floats, hunting, fishing, horseback rides and golf.

ATTRACTIONS

HEADWATERS HERITAGE MUSEUM
202 S. Main, P.O. Box 116
Three Forks, MT 59752
406-285-4778

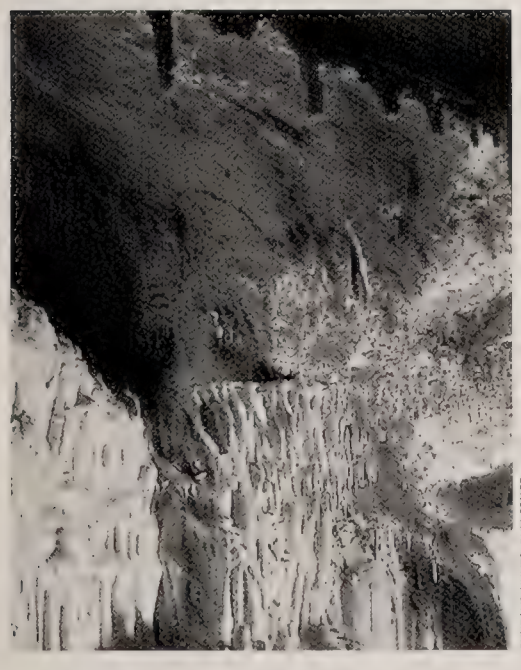
The museum building, constructed in 1910, originally housed one of the first banks in Three Forks. Damaged by earthquake in 1925, it has been restored to its original design. Displays include replicas of a turn-of-the-century village and thousands of historical artifacts, such as a small anvil salvaged from the ruins of an 1810 Missouri Fur Company trading post.

Open May 15–Sept 15, Mon–Sat 9–11am and 1-5pm, Sun 1–5pm. Special tours for groups. Admission free, donations appreciated.

LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS STATE PARK
17 miles W of Three Forks on MT 2
P.O. Box 949, Three Forks, MT 59752
406-287-3541 Fax 406-287-3034

Montana's first state park features one of the most highly decorated limestone caverns in the Northwest. Filled with an endless variety of beautiful, colored formations, these spectacular caverns are electrically lighted and safe to visit. Guided tours take about two hours, including time for a leisurely walk along the paved trail leading from the visitor center to the entrance. The entrance trail is 3/4 mile long with a 300-foot rise. Visitors are also required to walk another 3/4 mile inside the caverns, including 500 stairs down and 100 stairs up, plus 1/2 mile back to the visitors center. Many places inside the caverns require low stooping. The Paradise Tour provides an easier option for senior citizens and those with limited time.

Open May 1–June 14, daily 9am–5pm. June 15–Labor Day, 9am–7pm. Labor Day–Sept 30, 9am–5pm. Special group rate for groups of at least 15 making reservations two weeks in advance. Admission $3.50/adult.



LEWIS AND CLARK CAVERNS

MADISON BUFFALO JUMP
Off I-90 near Three Forks
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Parks Division, 1400 S. 19th
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-994-4042 Fax 406-994-4090

This buffalo jump vividly demonstrates a hunting technique used in Montana 2,000 years ago. Interpretive displays explain how bison were stampeded over the cliffs.

Open year-round during daylight hours. Admission $3/vehicle, buses 50¢/person.

MISSOURI HEADWATERS STATE PARK
Off I-90 near Three Forks
c/o Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks
Parks Division, 1400 S. 19th
Bozeman, MT 59715
406-994-4042 Fax 406-994-4090

The Lewis and Clark Expedition came upon this junction of rivers on July 27, 1805, and named the three forks of the Missouri River. They named the eastern fork for Albert Gallatin, secretary of the treasury; the middle fork for James Madison, secretary of state; and the western fork for Thomas Jefferson, president of the United States. The headwaters park has historical exhibits, interpretive signs, scenic view points, picnic areas and hiking trails.

Open year-round, daylight hours. Minimum time: 45 minutes. Admission $3/vehicle, buses 50¢/person.

WEST YELLOWSTONE

West Entrance of Yellowstone National Park at junction of US 20 and 287

Population– 913

WEST YELLOWSTONE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 458
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7701 Fax 406-646-9691

Known as the trout fishing and snowmobiling capital of the world, West Yellowstone is a thriving year-round community. Fly fishermen come from all over the world to test their skills in the blue-ribbon trout streams surrounding the area. In winter, the town takes advantage of its generous snowfall, grooming hundreds of miles of snowmobile and cross-country ski trails and hosting races in both sports. Many companies in West Yellowstone offer snowmobile and ski rentals. The town's convention center can accommodate up to 1,000 for meetings and banquets. The town offers a variety of lodging, restaurants, shops and evening entertainment.

GRIZZLY

ATTRACTIONS

GRIZZLY DISCOVERY CENTER
201 S. Canyon, P.O. Box 996
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7001 or 800-257-2570
Fax 406-646-7004

Located at the West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, the Center offers an educational experience and viewing area for visitors to watch live grizzlies and wolves in their natural habitat–each seen playing and foraging in their own natural enclosures. The visitor will gain a greater understanding of these magnificent animals while visiting grizzly and wolf country. Exhibits, viewing areas and a unique gift shop further enhance every visitor's experience.

Open year-round. Summer 8:30am–8:30pm. Winter 9am–dusk. Group tours available, call for special group rates. Minimum time: 30 minutes without movie.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

Communities displaying this logo support staffed visitor information centers, provide a wide variety of local and state-wide tourism information, and sponsor ongoing customer service training for businesses that serve visitors.

MUSEUM OF THE YELLOWSTONE
124 Yellowstone Ave., P.O. Box 411
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7814

The Union Pacific Depot, built between 1907 and 1909, now houses the Museum of the Yellowstone. Collections in the museum include rare, vintage portrait photographs of great Indian chiefs; rare artifacts, such as clothing and weapons; authentic sabres, handguns and rifles used by the U.S. Cavalry; mountain men essentials like beaver traps and the Hawkin rifle; wildlife dioramas and special exhibits on "Trains and Yellowstone," "Bears of Yellowstone" and "Yellowstone Fires." Adventure and documentary films of the Old West, Yellowstone Park (including the fires of 1988), and wildlife and Native American history are shown in the theater. A bookstore in the museum contains over 5,000 books and a large selection of videos on Western Americana, natural history and women's and Native American history.

Open Mother's Day–Columbus Day, daily 8am–10pm. Minimum time: 1 hour. Group admission: $1 off regular fee.

PLAYMILL THEATRE
29 Madison Ave., P.O. Box D
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-7757

College drama students present a variety of classic musicals, comedies and melodramas followed by a variety revue. Past performances include *Fiddler on the Roof, See How They Run* and *Forever Plaid.*

Shows performed Memorial Day–Labor Day, Mon–Sat, 6 and 8:30pm. Admission charged.

YELLOWSTONE IMAX THEATRE
101 S. Canyon St., P.O. Box 504
West Yellowstone, MT 59758
406-646-4000 Fax 406-646-4101

TRAIN DEPOT

Presented on a six-story-high screen with stereo surround sound, "Yellowstone" interprets the history, wildlife, geothermal activity and grandeur of our first national park. Together with the Grizzly Discovery Center, IMAX is the perfect complement to the Yellowstone experience.

Open year-round, May 1–Oct 15, 9am–9pm. Call for off-season hours. Minimum time: 50 minutes. Group admission, minimum of 15, $4/person. Special rates and lounge for tour escort and driver.

WHITEFISH/ FLATHEAD VALLEY

20 miles W of Glacier National Park on US 93

Population– 4,368

WHITEFISH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 1120, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3501
Fax 406-862-9494

Nestled in the majestic Rocky Mountains on the shore of Whitefish Lake, this small, friendly Montana town offers the best in four-season recreation. A 36-hole golf course bordering the lake is beautiful and challenging, while nearby The Big Mountain Ski Resort is a skier's paradise. This picturesque alpine village is home to unique shops, art galleries, and premiere restaurants. Western chuckwagon barbecues and scenic lake cruises are popular group activities.

ATTRACTIONS

GREAT NORTHERN BREWING COMPANY
2 Central Ave., Whitefish, MT 59937
406-863-1000

Whitefish boasts its own microbrewery, complete with public tasting room. Offering Black Star Lager and specialty brews such as Big Fog, Black Lager, and Huckleberry Wheat Lager.

Open summer, Mon and Wed 1–5pm, Fri and 1–6pm.

STUMPTOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM AND THE HISTORICAL GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY TRAIN DEPOT
North Central Ave., BN Depot suite #301
Whitefish, MT 59937

Housed in the historic Great Northern Railway Depot, the Stumptown Historical Museum includes many railroad artifacts as well as community memorabilia and photographs. The Depot was restored by the Historical Society in 1990 to its original 1927 Glacier National Park chalet-like appearance. Great Northern Locomotive #181, one of only seven of its kind ever built, can be seen at the museum.

Year-round, summer 11am–7pm, all other times 11am–3pm. Donations accepted.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

THE BIG MOUNTAIN SKI AND SUMMER RESORT
P.O. Box 1400
Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-1900 or 800-858-5439
Fax 406-862-2955

With more than 3,000 acres of skiable terrain and only 30 miles from Glacier National Park, The Big Mountain is among North America's largest and most scenic ski and summer resorts. One high-speed quad, one fixed-grip quad, four triple chairs, one double chair, a T-bar and platter lift can accommodate approximately 13,000 skiers per hour. Summer activities include the most scenic gondola ride in the Northwest, hiking, horseback riding, kids day camp, chuckwagon dinners, village and summit dining, and music festivals in the outdoor amphitheater. Facilities on mountain include lodging that ranges from economy to deluxe. Restaurants, bars, ski school, ski patrol, ski shop, ski rentals, photographic and video shop, day care and grocery store.

Open early May–Sept, 10am–9:45pm. Late Nov–mid-April, 9am–10pm. Value season and group rates.

GLACIER NORDIC TOURING CENTER
Located at Grouse Mountain
Lodge on US 93 in Whitefish
1205 US 93 N, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-3000 ext. 418

A superb cross-country skiing facility right in town, the Glacier Nordic Center features 15 kilometers of impeccably machine groomed trails for both skating and classic techniques. The trails wind over rolling hills, along lakes, and through birch forests. Four kilometers are lighted for night skiing.

WHITEFISH LAKE CITY BEACH
P.O. Box 158, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-863-2470 Fax 406-863-2419

Recently expanded in 1991, this sandy swimming beach and beautifully landscaped public park on the shores of pristine Whitefish Lake provide picnic tables and barbecues under roofed pavilions, as well as sun bathing, docks, and a public boat launch. Food concessions and water craft rentals available.

Open Memorial Day–Labor Day, 9am–6pm. No admission charged.

WHITEFISH LAKE GOLF COURSE
US 93 N, Whitefish, MT 59937
406-862-5960 Fax 406-862-5290

Montana's only 36-hole golf course, Whitefish Lake Golf Course boasts spectacular views of both mountains and lakes. The club house offers a restaurant serving lunch and dinner. Full service PGA golf shop.

Mid-April–Oct. 7am–dark.

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS

Central Montana at junction of US 89 and 12

Population– 963

WHITE SULPHUR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 356
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
406-547-3928

County seat of Meagher (pronounced Mar) County, the town was named for white deposits around the hot sulphur springs here. The Smith River Valley, with White Sulphur Springs as its trading center, was the home of prospectors working the lead and silver mines, but now relies on its ranching and timber industries. White Sulphur Springs is located near the Smith River Canyon, a premier scenic and fishing river float. A natural hot springs pool in town is open to the public for bathing and relaxation.

THE CASTLE

ATTRACTIONS

THE CASTLE
310 2nd Ave. NE.
White Sulphur Springs, MT 59645
406-547-3366

The Castle is a prominent landmark on the hilltop overlooking town. The gray stone chateau-style structure, furnished with antiques, was built in 1892 as the home of a stockman and mine owner.

Open May 15–Sept 15, 10am–6pm. Admission $3/adult, $2/senior and under 12, $2/each for group of 10 or more.

OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES

SHOWDOWN SKI AREA
P.O. Box 92, Neihart, MT 59465
406-236-5522

Relaxed and uncrowded, Showdown is a friendly, down-home ski area located just 25 miles north of White Sulphur Springs. Showdown offers 1,400 vertical feet of tree-lined trails and open slopes. The area receives an average snowfall of 25 feet, and is served by a triple chair and double chair, poma lift and rope tow. The lifts accommodate 3,200 skiers per hour on the 34 slopes. Facilities on the mountain include a cafeteria, ski school, saloon, mountaintop deli, rental and pro shop.

Open late Nov–early April, Wed–Sun, 9:30am–4pm.

WOLF POINT

NE Montana at junction of US 2 and MT 13

Population– 2,880

WOLF POINT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 237, Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-2012

During the colorful and romantic age of the grand Missouri River steamboats, Wolf Point was a refueling stop for the big.wood burners. In 1885, the Great Northern Railroad pushed into Montana and the river boats were gone forever. Wolf Point's economy today is primarily agricultural with large wheat farms and cattle ranches dotting the plains landscape. Montana's oldest rodeo, the Wild Horse Stampede, is held every July.

ATTRACTIONS

ASSINIBOINE VILLAGE
233 Cascade St., P.O. Box 63
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-1319

The 40-acre site on the bank of the Missouri River explores the traditional Assiniboine culture. Visitors may experience the lifestyle of the Assiniboine including their customs, traditional foods, music and dances, games, crafts and may listen to tribal members tell about their history and religion.

Memorial Day–Labor Day, Daily noon, 3 and 6pm. Special tours for groups. Minimum time: 90 minutes. Admission charged.

HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM
220 2nd Ave. S., P.O. Box 977
Wolf Point, MT 59201
406-653-1912

Located on the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, the museum features exhibits of Indian artifacts, heirlooms, antiques, and an Archie Graber statue of Charlie Russell.

Open June 1–Sept 1, Mon–Fri, 10am–5pm. Admission free.

Wheelchair accessible · Restrooms available · Picnic tables · Food service · Cocktail service · On-site Gift shop

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INDIAN RESERVATIONS

THE BLACKFEET RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

The reservation is home to the Blackfeet tribe. Of the approximately 13,000 enrolled tribal members, there are 6,231 living on or near the reservation. Nearly 27 percent of enrolled members are of three-fourths or greater Indian blood.

The Blackfeet Indians are commonly thought to have acquired their name because of the characteristic black color of their moccasins, painted or darkened with ashes.

ECONOMY

There are two manufacturing plants on the reservation. One produces pencils, pens and markers and the other makes gloves. Major uses of the land are ranching and farming. The principal crops are wheat, barley and hay.

LOCATION

The Blackfeet Reservation is in northwest Montana along the east slopes of the Rocky Mountains. Its 1.5 million acres are bordered on the north by Canada and on the west by Glacier National Park.

POINTS OF INTEREST

MUSEUM OF THE PLAINS INDIAN
US 89, Browning, MT 406-338-7276
See page 40 for more information.

BLACKFEET COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Browning, MT 406-338-5441

BLACKFEET HISTORIC SITE TOUR
406-338-5441
Half- and full-day tours beginning at the Museum of the Plains Indian.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

BLACKFEET NATION
P.O. Box 850
Browning, MT 59417
406-338-7406

THE CROW RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

About 75 percent of the Crow tribe's approximately 8,000 enrolled members live on or near the reservation.

In the Hidatsa language, this tribe was called "Absarokee," which means "children of the large-beaked bird." Other Indian tribes called them the "sharp people" because it was thought they were crafty and alert as the bird for which they were named, probably the raven, later interpreted by white men as "crow."

ECONOMY

For many years the vast coal deposits under the east portion of the reservation remained untapped. One mine is now in operation and providing royalty income and employment to tribal members. The Crow operate only a small portion of their irrigated or dry farm acreage and about 30 percent of their grazing land.

LOCATION

The Crow Reservation is in southcentral Montana bordered by Wyoming on the south with its northwest boundary about 10 miles from Billings.

POINTS OF INTEREST

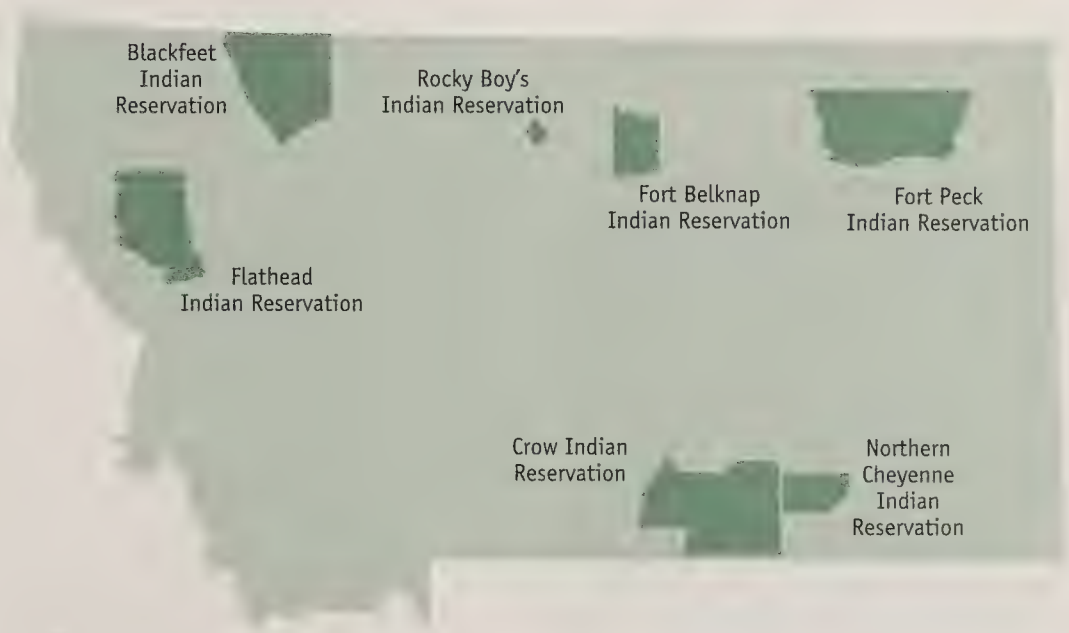
BIGHORN CANYON NATIONAL RECREATION AREA AND YELLOWTAIL DAM
Fort Smith, MT 406-666-2412
Spectacular scenery, wildlife viewing, boating, fishing and camping.

LITTLE BIGHORN BATTLEFIELD NATIONAL MONUMENT/RENO-BENTEEN BATTLEFIELD
Crow Agency, MT 406-638-2621
Commemorates the site of the Indian victory over Custer's Seventh Cavalry.
See page 20 for more information.

CHIEF PLENTY COUPS STATE PARK
Joliet, MT 406-252-1289
The home of Plenty Coups, the last Crow chief.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CROW RESERVATION
Crow Agency, MT 59022
406-638-2601



THE FLATHEAD RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

The Flathead Indian Reservation is home to the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes. The tribes are a combination of the Flathead, the Pend d'Oreille and the Kootenai. Of the 5,936 enrolled tribal members, about 3,156 live on or near the reservation.

ECONOMY

Montana Power Company pays the Confederated Salish and Kootenai tribes $9.4 million annually to lease land on which the Kerr Dam sits near Polson. Potential for development of additional hydroelectric power sites and residential recreation areas promise additional income in the future. The reservation also derives income from logging and Christmas tree sales.

LOCATION

North of I-90 between Missoula and Kalispell, the fertile valleys and towering mountain peaks of northwest Montana are the motifs of the Flathead Reservation. The Reservation comprises over 1.2 million acres.

TEPEES

POINTS OF INTEREST

AGNES VANDERBURG CULTURAL CAMP
Ravalli, MT 406-745-4572

Camp teaches language, crafts, customs and lore of Salish and Pend d'Oreille people. Classes are free. Held summer months.

FLATHEAD LAKE
406-752-5501

The largest freshwater lake in the West. Points of interest on the lake include Wild Horse Island State Park (Kwelkani Mi in the Kootenai language) and Finley Point, Elmo and Yellow Bay state campgrounds.

THE NATIONAL BISON RANGE/PABLO NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE
Moiese, MT 406-644-2211

NINEPIPE NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE AND STATE WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT AREA
Ronan, MT 406-644-2211

One of Montana's designated Wildlife Viewing sites; an exceptional wetland complex prime for birdwatching.

ST. IGNATIUS MISSION
406-745-2768
Established in 1854.
See page 56 for more information.

SQUELIX'U AQLEMAKNIK CULTURE CENTER
406-675-0160

THE PEOPLE'S CENTER
53253 US 93, P.O. Box 278
Pablo, MT 59855
406-675-0160 or 800-883-5344
Fax 406-675-0260

This tribal center exists to share the Salish, Kootenai and Pend d'Oreille way of life through educational programs, a living museum, library, archives and gift shop.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

CONFEDERATED SALISH & KOOTENAI TRIBES
P.O. Box 278, Pablo, MT 59855
406-675-2700 or 800-634-0690

THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

The Fort Belknap Reservation is home to two tribes, the Assiniboine and the Gros Ventre, with a combined enrollment of about 4,500.

ECONOMY

Employment on the reservation is scarce. The Bureau of Indian Affairs and the tribe are the major employers. The annual income of the tribe, itself, is only $90,000. The reservation is working to develop tourism.

LOCATION

The combined reservation and additional tribal lands encompass 705,067 acres of the plains and grasslands of northcentral Montana.

POINTS OF INTEREST

FORT BELKNAP COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Fort Belknap Agency, MT 406-353-2607

FORT BELKNAP TOURISM OFFICE AND INFORMATION CENTER
Harlem, MT 406-353-2527

Also Fort Belknap Ventures featuring handcrafted Native American arts and crafts. Staff provides tours of the Mission, the Snake Butte, ancient tepee rings and the tribal buffalo pasture.

MISSION CANYON/NATURAL BRIDGE
South of Hays

Scenic recreational canyon has picnic and camping areas.

SAINT PAUL'S MISSION CHURCH
Hays, MT 406-353-2527
Established in 1887.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

FORT BELKNAP TOURISM OFFICE
RR 1, Box 66, Fort Belknap Agency
Harlem, MT 59526
406-353-2205

THE FORT PECK RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

About 6,800 Assiniboine and Sioux live on the Fort Peck Reservation with another 4,000 or so tribal members living off the reservation.

ECONOMY

A prosperous industrial park in Poplar is one of the largest employers in Montana. A variety of enterprises, including metal fabrication and production sewing are housed here. Other industry, such as an electronics manufacturer, flourishes on the reservation.

Farming and ranching, and oil extraction also play a part in the makeup of the reservation economy.

LOCATION

In northeast Montana, its boundaries are 40 miles from North Dakota on the east, 50 miles south of the Canadian border and shaped by the Missouri River at its southern border, the Fort Peck Reservation covers more than two million acres of fertile land.

POINTS OF INTEREST

FORT PECK ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX CULTURE CENTER AND MUSEUM
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

FORT PECK COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

ASSINIBOINE VILLAGE
Wolf Point, MT 406-653-1804
See page 61 for more information.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

FORT PECK ASSINIBOINE AND SIOUX TRIBES
P.O. Box 1027
Poplar, MT 59255
406-768-5155

INDIAN DRUMMERS

THE NORTHERN CHEYENNE RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

About 5,600 Northern Cheyenne, some members of other tribes and some non-Native Americans live on the reservation.

ECONOMY

Major employers include the St. Labre Indian School, the federal government, tribal government, power companies and construction companies. In the future the tribe plans to mine the large coal deposit under the reservation.

LOCATION

The rugged country of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation is in southeast Montana. It covers 445,000 acres and is bounded on the east by the Tongue River and on the west by the Crow Reservation.

POINTS OF INTEREST

CHIEF TWO MOONS MONUMENT
Busby, MT 406-477-6253
Built in 1936 in memory of Chief Two Moons, who participated in the Battle of the Little Bighorn.

DULL KNIFE MEMORIAL COLLEGE
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6215

NORTHERN CHEYENNE TRIBAL MUSEUM
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284

ST. LABRE INDIAN SCHOOL
Ashland, MT 406-784-2200
Established in 1884. Visitors center, museum and gallery.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

NORTHERN CHEYENNE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
P.O. Box 991
Lame Deer, MT 59043
406-477-8844

THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION

THE PEOPLE

Rocky Boy's provides a home for about 2,700 members of the Chippewa-Cree tribe.

The name "Rocky Boy" comes from the name of a leader of a band of Chippewa Indians. It means "Stone Child," but it was not translated correctly from Chippewa into English, and "Rocky Boy" evolved.

ECONOMY

Rocky Boy's residents who work on the reservation are employed by the schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Health Service and tribal government. There is also some wheat farming and post and pole production. The tribe is actively working toward development of its natural resources to be able to provide more jobs and income.

LOCATION

Near the Canadian border, in northcentral Montana, Rocky Boy's Reservation is graced by the Bears Paw Mountains, providing dramatic contrast to the flat bottomlands of this area.

POINTS OF INTEREST

STONE CHILD COLLEGE
Rocky Boy's Agency, MT 406-395-4269

FOR MORE INFORMATION

THE CHIPPEWA CREE BUSINESS COMMITTEE
Box 544 Rocky Boy Route
Box Elder, MT 59521

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

FORT BELKNAP MID-WINTER FAIR
1st weekend—Fort Belknap Reservation
Fort Belknap, MT 406-353-2527

MAY

BUFFALO FEAST AND POWWOW
3rd weekend—Flathead Reservation
St. Ignatius, MT 406-745-2951

NORTHERN CHEYENNE POWWOW AND RODEO
Memorial Day weekend—
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284

JUNE

RED BOTTOM CELEBRATION
Mid-June—Fort Peck Reservation
Frazer, MT 406-768-5155

BADLANDS CELEBRATION
Late June—Fort Peck Reservation
Brockton, MT 406-768-5155

JULY

FORT KIPP CELEBRATION
1st weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Poplar, MT 406-768-5551

ARLEE FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION
July 4 weekend—Flathead Reservation
Arlee, MT 406-675-2700

NORTHERN CHEYENNE POWWOW
Memorial Day weekend—Northern
Cheyenne Reservation
Lame Deer, MT 406-477-6284

WOLF POINT STAMPEDE
2nd weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Wolf Point, MT

NORTH AMERICAN INDIAN DAYS
2nd week—Blackfeet Reservation
Blackfeet Tribal Fairgrounds
Browning, MT 406-338-7276

HAYS COMMUNITY POWWOW
3rd weekend—Fort Belknap Reservation
Mission Canyon
Hays, MT 406-353-2527

IRON RING CELEBRATION
3rd weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

STANDING ARROW POWWOW
3rd weekend—Flathead Reservation
Elmo, MT 406-675-2700 or 634-0690

MILK RIVER INDIAN DAYS
4th weekend—Fort Belknap Reservation
Fort Belknap Powwow Grounds
Fort Belknap, MT 406-353-2527

WADOPANA CELEBRATION
4th weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Wolf Point, MT 406-477-6284

AUGUST

ROCKY BOY'S ANNUAL POWWOW
1st weekend—Rocky Boy's Reservation
Rocky Boy's Agency, MT 406-395-4478

WADOPANA CELEBRATION
1st weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Wolf Point, MT 406-653-3476

WHITE RIVER CHEYENNE POWWOW
2nd week—Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Busby, MT 406-477-6284

CROW FAIR POWWOW AND RODEO
3rd weekend—Crow Reservation
Crow Agency, MT 406-638-2601

OIL DISCOVERY CELEBRATION
4th weekend—Fort Peck Reservation
Poplar, MT 406-768-5155

SEPTEMBER

NORTHERN CHEYENNE LABOR DAY POWWOW
Labor Day weekend—
Northern Cheyenne Reservation
Ashland, MT 406-477-6284

NOVEMBER

WAR DANCE CHAMPIONSHIPS
3rd weekend—Flathead Reservation
St. Ignatius, MT 406-745-2951

WOLF POINT STAMPEDE

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A MONTANA PRIMER

THE ROCKY MOUNTAINS

The Rocky Mountains rise magnificently in western Montana, defining the shape and character of the state and, incidentally, giving Montana its name. Montana means "mountains" or "mountainous" in both Spanish and Latin. These mountains and their timbered snow-fed valleys comprise the western third of the state. The Rockies, rooted far to the south, are going strong by the time they thrust into Montana and continue north to Canada. Here travelers can marvel at range after range of proud peaks that preside over vast river valleys.

The beautiful Bitterroot Range begins at the southwest tip of the state and defines most of Montana's western border. The majestic Mission Range seems to erupt from the earth as travelers follow US 93 north from Missoula. Other dramatic formations include the Swan and Flathead ranges in the northwest corner of the state and the Garnet and Madison ranges to the southwest. Numerous ranges constitute the Rocky Mountains, sporting intriguing names like the Ruby Range, the Pioneer Mountains and the Tobacco Root Mountains.

ISLAND RANGES AND THE NORTHERN PLAINS

In the center of Montana, east of the Rockies, isolated "island ranges" jut out of the surrounding prairie, providing shelter for abundant wildlife. Rivers meander slowly through fertile farms and rangeland, and towns are farther apart.

The eastern third of the state is primarily northern plains, a land of rolling hills and badlands. Here, roots run deep in both the vegetation and the people.

WATER, WATER EVERYWHERE

Montana has more than 9,000 rivers, streams, spring creeks (pronounced "cricks" out here), lakes and reservoirs, including the headwaters of two major river systems—the Columbia and the Missouri. The Continental Divide determines whether Montana's water will find its way to the Pacific via the Columbia River system, or to the Gulf of Mexico by way of the Missouri. A one-of-a-kind landmark in Glacier National Park called Triple Divide Peak splits its snowmelt three ways: besides sending water east and west, Triple Divide steers a portion of its annual runoff north to Hudson Bay and the Arctic Ocean.

DRAMATIC HIGHS AND LOWS

The lush forests of Montana are drenched annually with 30–40 inches of rainfall; the high plains and badlands might receive eight or nine inches in a good year. Dramatic ups and downs range from a low of 1,820 feet on the Montana-Idaho border in northwest Montana to 12,799 feet at the top of Granite Peak in Montana's magnificent Beartooth Range in the southcentral part of the state. The highest temperature ever recorded was 117 degrees at Medicine Lake in eastern Montana; the lowest broke the thermometer on Rogers Pass north of Helena at 70 degrees below zero. Our greatest single rainfall poured 11.5 inches of water on Circle in 24 hours; the longest severe drought lasted 21 months. Our deepest snowfall in one season dumped more than 33 feet on Kings Hill (now Showdown Ski Area), and workers labored to remove a whopping 60-foot snowdrift on Going-to-the-Sun Road in Glacier National Park.

TRANSPORTATION NETWORK

Montana boasts a transportation network that includes 17,000 miles of modern paved highways, north-south and east-west interstate highway systems, 15 airports with commercial air service, nonstop flights from Minneapolis, Denver, Salt Lake City and Spokane to Montana's larger cities, and Amtrak rail service along Montana's northern east-west route called the "Hi-Line," which parallels US 2.

THE PEOPLE

Montana land was Indian land for 10,000 years before it felt the footfall of a white man. It belonged to the Blackfeet, the Cheyenne, the Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, Flathead and Absarokas. Montana is still Indian land, with seven vast reservations covering millions of acres throughout the state.

The immigrants who responded to the lure of riches and settled this untamed land in the 1800s came in eager droves from Scandinavia, Germany, Poland, Yugoslavia, France, Italy, Spain, Ireland, England and a score of other countries. Their history can be traced in the ethnic strongholds of Butte, Anaconda, Red Lodge and the "Hi-Line" communities of Glasgow, Wolf Point, Scobey and Plentywood.

NATURAL RESOURCES & THE ECONOMY

Montana is a resource-rich state that has rewarded many fortune seekers. Furs, gold, silver, copper, timber, cattle, oil and coal have all had their heyday in Montana and some are still booming.

Agriculture is Montana's largest industry, and it includes both crops and livestock. Other leading industries are travel and tourism, mineral production, wood and paper products, and construction.

Climate has a dramatic influence on the economic makeup of the state. The east side of the Continental Divide is quite arid, with lots of sunshine. The dominant economic forces are grain, livestock, coal, oil and natural gas. The region west of the Continental Divide resembles the Pacific Northwest in both climate and terrain. Plenty of moisture and a moderating climate make this the garden spot of the state. Here, tall stands of fir, pine, spruce and larch are managed and harvested to produce wood products used across the nation. The area includes several million acres of roadless lands that are managed as wilderness.

Not all of the 30 million acre-feet of water produced annually in Montana find their way to the sea. Montana's diverse water resources support 81 species of fish. These waters sustain a recreational fishery worth millions of dollars, provide habitat for a number of bird and mammal species, supply water for agriculture, municipalities and industry, support a limited commercial fishery, generate hydroelectric power and attract millions of visitors to the state each year.

MONTANA HISTORY 101

GEOLOGIC STORY

Long before the first person set foot in what is now Montana, this land underwent turbulent geologic change. The earth heaved and moaned. Ancient seas and lakes rose and fell.

The mountains of western Montana were formed about 60 million years ago by massive shifts of the earth and the upward surge of liquid rock and lava. One great mass of sedimentary rock slid as a single slab to form what is now Glacier National Park. Other slabs formed the Rocky Mountain Front. A few of the mountain ranges are the result of volcanic activity. One major center of volcanic activity was the

Yellowstone National Park area, where a series of violent eruptions built up the Yellowstone Plateau. Great swamps formed east of these mountains as the seas retreated eastward, and were later buried to become thick beds of coal and oil. The geologic activity deep within the earth that created Montana's geographically split personality still goes on today. Volcanoes have been active in the region during most of the past 100 million years, and frequent earthquakes show that some of the mountains and valleys are still moving.

Prehistoric fossils are on display in many areas of Montana, including Bozeman, Choteau, Fort Peck, Jordan and Ekalaka. Some of the finest fossil skeletons ever unearthed were dug from the prairie soils. *Triceratops, Trachodon, Tyrannosaurus rex,* dinosaur eggs, petrified turtles and fossilized leaves and fish are just some of the specimens on display.

EARLY INHABITANTS

It is generally agreed that the first inhabitants of this area migrated over a land bridge across the Bering Strait that connected Asian Siberia with Alaska. These Asiatic hunters followed large herds of big game animals across the continent.

About 4,000 to 5,000 years ago, the climate changed dramatically.

The Northern Great Plains became hot and dry, grasslands dried up and the plentiful herds of big game animals disappeared. Hunters turned to antelope and rabbits and augmented their catch with berries and roots.

As the climate grew wetter, about 1,000 to 2,000 years ago, bison herds returned to the plains. About the same time, the bow and arrow appeared in North America. Besides hunting bison singly with this new weapon, the hunters developed another technique called a buffalo drive or a buffalo jump, in which an entire herd was stampeded over a cliff. Two accessible sites where Indian buffalo jumps can be seen are Ulm Pishkun, off I-15, southwest of Great Falls, and the Madison Buffalo Jump, off I-90, between Bozeman and Three Forks.

Few of our contemporary Indian tribes lived in Montana before 1600, when white settlement of the East and Midwest pushed tribes farther and farther west. The Kootenai lived in the Flathead Lake region, while the Salish and Pend d'Oreille ventured east of the Continental Divide along the upper Missouri River. But after 1600, Shoshones and Crows moved onto the eastern plains; only to be ousted in the 1700s by the Blackfeet, who dominated the area until it was settled by whites. The Gros Ventre, Assiniboine, Sioux, Northern Cheyenne, Chippewa and Cree all came to Montana after 1750. Thus, when Lewis and Clark traveled through Montana in 1804-1806, few of the Indian tribes they met had been residents for more than 70 years.

LEWIS AND CLARK

Montana's first recorded history is preserved eloquently in the journals of Lewis and Clark. The 1804-1806 journey of these two explorers and their "Corps of Discovery" was the greatest expedition in U.S. history. Beginning in St. Louis, the corps followed the Missouri River to its source in what is now Montana, through a vast, newly acquired, unknown tract of land called the Louisiana Purchase. From the Missouri headwaters, they were commissioned to find a water passage to the Pacific Ocean—the long-imagined "northwest passage." Along the way, they were to explore, collect plant and animal specimens, discover what they could of the Indian tribes along their route, map the route, and keep a record of their journey.

The expedition entered Montana April 26, 1805, at the confluence of the Yellowstone and Missouri rivers (at the present Montana-North Dakota border) and traveled west along the Missouri. They portaged around the "Great Falls of the Missouri," just below the present city of Great Falls, continued to the Missouri headwaters near Bozeman, then undertook what must have been the most challenging and discouraging aspect of the journey—the search for a passage over the mountain ranges that comprise the Continental Divide. An arduous, nearly fatal mountain crossing brought them to the Columbia River and the corps spent a hard winter on the coast.

On their return journey, Lewis and Clark reentered Montana in 1806, divided the corps and explored both the Marias River country in northern Montana and the Yellowstone River valley in southcentral Montana on their way east.

IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF LEWIS AND CLARK

Most of this historic trek can be followed today by modern highway. Eleven states, including Montana, have marked the entire route, from the confluence of the Missouri and Mississippi rivers to the Pacific Coast. In Montana, the Missouri River headwaters have been preserved in interpretive detail at the Missouri Headwaters State Park, off I-90, near Three Forks. Before they reached the headwaters, Lewis and Clark passed through a canyon north of Helena, and named the steep cliffs the Gates of the Rocky Mountains, now known as the Gates of the Mountains. The "Gates" are easily reached off I-15, north of Helena, and can be viewed daily during the summer months on regular, two-hour, scenic cruises. Perhaps the earliest graffiti was left by Captain Clark at what he named Pompeys Pillar, a distinctive rock formation along the Yellowstone River east of Billings. Clark climbed the rock and carved his name and the date–July 25, 1806. He named the formation after Pomp, the infant son of the expedition's Indian interpreter, Sacajawea. The landmark is 28 miles east of Billings, off I-94.

The journey undertaken by these two skilled pathfinders literally unlocked the West. In their footsteps came mountain men, fur traders, gold prospectors, land and cattle barons, cowboys, copper kings and countless other dreamers and fortune seekers. See page 12 for map showing route.

FURS

Within just a few years of Lewis and Clark's return to civilization, fur trappers spread into what is now Montana and established a vigorous business. The western fur trade produced the first generation of American heroes whose exploits live on in Western folklore. Mountain men like Jedidiah Smith, Kit Carson, John Colter and Jim Bridger earned larger-than-life reputations and a permanent place in American history. Their exploits, usually exaggerated in the retelling, captured the nation's imagination. There were encounters with grizzly bears, "savages," and perilous journeys through mountains, across deserts and other formidable territory.

One of the best stories comes down to us from John Colter's winter odyssey through what is now the Jackson Hole—Grand Teton-Yellowstone Park area. Colter was a member of Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. After the exploration, he returned to the region on his own to trap beaver. His description of the hot pots and geysers that gained national park status for Yellowstone earned him the reputation of a liar, and his credibility is debated even today, regarding his harrowing escape

from Blackfeet Indians in the autumn of 1808. Colter claimed to have outrun and outwitted the warriors, then traveled 300 miles in 11 days with only a blanket for clothing, and one captured spear.

Beaver pelts were big business in the early 1800s but faded toward the middle of the century, partially because trappers overharvested the West's fur-bearing animals and partially because silk garments replaced furs in popularity. By 1869, steamboats had carried more than 750,000 buffalo robes out of Montana, and nearly half that many wolf pelts. One of the best places to revisit the fur trade era is the Fort Union Trading Post National Historic Site on the Montana-North Dakota border northeast of Fairview. The Missouri River's pre-eminent fur trading post from the 1830s to the Civil War, Fort Union was a colorful mix of riverboaters, fur traders, Plains Indians, frontier capitalists and distinguished visitors.

THE RUSH FOR GOLD

When the boom in pelts died, the gold rush began. At Grasshopper Creek in 1862, the find was so rich it was said the miners could pull up sagebrush and shake a dollar's worth of dust from the roots. A brawling frontier town and Montana's first territorial capital—Bannack—sprang up around this rich gold strike. Its ghostly remains can still be seen at Bannack State Park, south of Dillon.

Towns of the gold rush era grew on gold. Within six years, the town of Confederate Gulch jumped from a population of zero to 10,000. By the seventh year, the gold was gone and the population dropped to 64.

Alder Gulch/Virginia City produced nearly $40 million worth of gold in their first five years. Over $14 million of silver was removed from the Elkhorn area; the Gold Creek claims yielded more than $20 million in gold in just 10 years. Stagecoaches, saddlebags and mule trains carried the gold out of Montana. Steamboats carted 120–150 tons of gold worth $75 million along the 2,385 river miles to St. Louis; today's value would be approximately one billion dollars.

People streamed into Montana Territory during the gold rush: the population went from 100 non-Indians in 1860, to 20,595 in 1870, to 40,000 in 1880, to 143,000 in 1890. They were soldiers escaping the carnage of the Civil War, adventurers, ne'er-do-wells, immigrants, successful businessmen, women, merchants, and thrill-seekers. Lawlessness was the rule, rather than the exception. When elected lawmen could not cope with the rampant crime, communities sometimes banded together into groups of "vigilantes" to combat bandits and road agents. It was during this era that ministers such as Brother Van, a Methodist minister, made the rounds to bring some semblance of comfort and faith into the mining camps.

Miners also contended with Indians, who were pushed to the limits of their endurance by the influx of whites. The most famous confrontation between Indians and non-Indians comes to life at the Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument on the Crow Indian Reservation in southeast Montana. It was here in 1876 that a Civil War commander named George Armstrong Custer and his troops lost their lives to an underestimated force of Sioux and Cheyenne warriors (see pages 20-21).

Towns sprang up overnight then busted when the veins played out. But a few communities endured the bust cycle. Helena, now the state's capital, was at first typical of other "tent and shack" mining towns. However, its strategic location, agricultural potential and extensive gold deposits contributed to its stability. Helena had at least 188 businesses within two years of the 1864 discovery of gold on Last Chance Gulch. By 1868 about $19 million of gold was taken out of the Helena area.

MULESKINNERS AND FIRE CANOES

Transportation in the raw Montana Territory was slow, and fraught with difficulties. Mules and oxen were laden with supplies of all sorts, and driven from the western cities of Salt Lake, Portland and Walla Walla to the new mining camps. A typical mule train consisting of about 25 animals was led by a bell mare and driven by two "muleskinners," famous for their invectives and obscene expletives.

Steamboats, called "fire canoes" by Indians, also carried goods to and from the territory. The treacherous Missouri River from St. Louis to Fort Benton was navigable for only a few months each summer, and captains became men of legend. Despite the hazards and mishaps, steamboats carried enormous quantities of cargo from about 1859 to 1888. More than 40,000 passengers came up the river along with 160,000 tons of freight. One steamer alone carried $1,250,000 in raw gold back to St. Louis. In the process, it is estimated that steamboats burned about 276,000 cords of wood—cottonwood cut by lonely "woodhawkers" from the banks of the Missouri. That is enough wood to build almost 27,000 three-bedroom houses today. The best place in Montana to relive the steamboat era is Fort Benton, where you can still walk along the steamboat levee.

THE COPPER WARS

Boom and bust. Boom and bust. The cycle has been repeated over and over again in Montana's history. After gold came silver and copper. Rich copper deposits in Butte lured some of the world's greatest capitalists to Montana in the 1860s and '70s. With names like Hearst, Rockefeller and Standard Oil backing them, three men—William Andrews Clark, Marcus Daly and F. Augustus Heinze built the greatest mining camp in the West. The "War of the Copper Kings" went beyond Butte. Control of Butte meant control of Montana's economy, political system and newspapers. All were abused in the battle for power. It was a rollicking and rough period of Montana's history that had a pervasive impact on the state. Butte is still regarded as "the richest hill on earth" and the trappings of its heyday have been preserved at attractions like the Clark Mansion, the World Museum of Mining, Butte's Historic District and the Berkeley Open Pit Copper Mine.

THE OPEN RANGE

While bonanza seekers were duking it out for precious metals fortunes in the western portion of the state, cattle and sheep were driven in waves to the open ranges and rich grasses of central and eastern Montana. In 10 years, the cattle population rose from a few thousand to more than a million. Overcrowding and the cruel winter of 1886-87 killed most of them, and another Montana boom went bust. The era of the stockman is on display year-round at the 216-acre Grant-Kohrs Ranch National Historic Site in Deer Lodge (see page 19). This pioneer ranch was one of the first in the Northwest. Owned by Johnny Grant in the 1850s and later by Conrad Kohrs, it produced meat for the mining camps and was the early social center of the community. The home ranch, still intact, was eventually unofficial headquarters for a cattle empire that covered more than a million acres.

RAILS

In 1881, only 75 years after Lewis and Clark made the first organized expedition through this area on foot, Montana Territory was linked with the rest of the nation by rail. The first line through Montana, the Northern Pacific, reached from Lake Superior to the Pacific Coast. Within a few years, Jim Hill brought the Great Northern through. A hundred thousand immigrants used sledge hammers to pound down the parallel steel ribbons. The Great Northern advertised free government land in a region of "milk and honey" to lure settlers to its lines. Completion of the railroad sealed the fate of both Indians and the American bison. The bison herds provided an abundance of meat and supplies the Indians depended on. But white railroad builders, hide hunters and sport hunters killed the bison in numbers that can only be described as slaughter. It is estimated that perhaps 13 million bison roamed the West before the hunt of the 1870s and '80s began. By 1883 there were fewer than 200 of the great animals in the entire West. Large numbers of Indians, in turn, died from malnutrition and starvation. Those who survived were confined to the seven Montana reservations that are now home to Assiniboine and Sioux, Blackfeet, Chippewa-Cree, Confederated Salish (Flatheads) and Kootenai, Crow, Assiniboine, Gros Ventre, and Northern Cheyenne.

Unperturbed by the slaughter and suffering, the people who settled Montana Territory were ready for statehood. On October 1, 1889, the voters of Montana approved a state constitution, and on November 8, Montana was proclaimed the 41st state of the Union.

SODBUSTERS

The combination of the rails and a worldwide industrial revolution brought the next great wave, the "sodbusters invasion," to Montana after the turn of the century. Montana's homesteaders, a mix of Americans and western Europeans, built what remains part of the state's leading industry. They broke millions of acres of fertile grassland and transformed the Northern Great Plains into a rich grainbelt. But not without cost. First, cattle and sheep ranchers feuded with these newcomers who fenced fields. Then 11,000 farms were abandoned in eastern Montana during the drought years in the late teens and early '20s. Wheat production dropped from an average of 25 bushels an acre to 2.4 bushels an acre in 1919. Between 1921 and 1925 half of all Montana farmers lost their farms by mortgage foreclosure. Rebuilding was slow and cautious. Montana can and still does grow the best wheat in the world. In 1994, the state's wheat harvest brought cash receipts of more than $670 million.

CONCLUSION

Less than 200 years have elapsed since Montana was first mapped by Lewis and Clark's Corps of Discovery. Montana achieved statehood just over a century ago. Its history is a young, accessible, "hands-on" history. It won't be found on dry parchment under glass. Rather, it lives at the National Bison Range, the Crow Indian Fair, the two-story outhouse at Nevada City, the Charles M. Russell Art Auction, the Little Bighorn Battlefield, Helena's Last Chance Gulch, or at any number of annual festivals and celebrations bearing names like the Wild Horse Stampede, the Northeast Montana Threshing Bee and Antique Show, the Vigilante Parade, the Western Rendezvous of Art and the Festival of Nations.

NATIVE MONTANANS

Gary Cooper—Motion picture actor. Born Frank James in Helena on May 7, 1901.

Patrick Duffy—Television actor, star of *Dallas* and *Step by Step*. Born in Townsend on March 17, 1949.

Chet Huntley—News commentator of Huntley-Brinkley fame. Born Chester Robert Huntley in Cardwell on December 19, 1911.

Evel Knievel—Daredevil. Born Robert Craig Knievel in Butte on October 17, 1938.

Myrna Loy—Motion picture actress. Born Myrna Williams in Radersburg on August 2, 1905.

Montie Montana—Member, Cowboy Hall of Fame. Born in Wolf Point.

George Montgomery—Motion picture and television actor. Born George Letz in Brady in 1916.

Kenneth J. Ralston—Western artist born in Choteau in 1896. Went by J.K. Ralston.

Jeanette Rankin —First woman elected to U.S. House of Representatives and only person to vote against U.S. entry into both WWI and WWII. Born near Missoula on June 11, 1880.

Martha Ray—Motion picture actress. Born Margie Yvonne Reed in Butte on August 27, 1916.

ADOPTED MONTANANS

A.B. Guthrie, Jr.—Writer. Born in Indiana, he lived in Montana as a child. Graduated from Montana State University. Had a newspaper career in Kentucky but retired and returned to Montana to write. Won the Pulitzer Prize for his book, *The Way West*. Also wrote *The Big Sky* and the screenplay for *Shane*.

Norman Maclean—Author, *A River Runs Through It* and *Young Men and Fire*. Born in 1902 in Iowa, grew up in Missoula, and lived on Seeley Lake after his retirement from the University of Chicago, where he was an English professor. He loved to fish the Blackfoot River.

Mike Mansfield—Statesman. Born in New York, then sent at an early age to live with relatives in Montana. Formerly a U.S. Senator from Montana and Senate Majority Leader, he served as the U.S. Ambassador to Japan for 11 years.

Charlie Russell—Painter and sculptor. Born in Saint Louis, Missouri, in 1864, he came to Montana at the age of 15 to be a cowboy. He sketched, painted and sculpted the frontier he saw and became one of the most famous Western artists. His log cabin studio and home in Great Falls are open to the public. His art pieces are on display at the C.M. Russell Museum in Great Falls and the Historical Society in Helena.

NEW MONTANANS

Pablo Alvira—Opera singer. Divides his time between Bozeman and the New York Metropolitan Opera.

Hoyt Axton—Singer-songwriter-actor. Bitterroot Valley.

Tom Brokaw—NBC News anchor. Divides his time between the Boulder Valley south of Big Timber and New York City.

Russell Chatham—Artist-writer. Livingston.

Liz Claiborne—Retired fashion designer and philanthropist. Helena and Seeley-Swan Valley.

Jane Fonda—Actress, fitness guru, wife of Ted Turner. Southwestern Montana.

Richard Ford—Novelist. Divides his time between Chester and New Orleans.

Tom McGuane—Novelist and cutting horse rancher. Boulder Valley south of Big Timber.

Ted Turner—Cable television magnate and rancher. Southwestern Montana.

Hank Williams, Jr.—Country-western singer. Big Hole Valley.

THE SEASONS OF MONTANA

An optimist once said there is really no such thing as bad weather, only different kinds of good weather. In Montana, we have it all ...snowy white winters, cool wet springs, warm dry summers, and magnificent lingering autumns.

Montana's dry western climate combined with brisk winter temperatures and high elevations make unbeatable powder snow. In the spring, all that snow rushes down the mountains to feed the valleys below. The result is a dazzling splash of color painted in field after field of wildflowers. In the summer, Montanans relax and enjoy long, sunny days with warm, dry temperatures. Autumn is a favorite because the days are warm, the nights cool and the air unbelievably fresh.

The hallmark of Montana's weather system is its changeability. It is not uncommon to experience a 60-degree spread from one day to the next. Because of its location in a chinook belt, central Montana's weather is the most changeable, on average, of any area in the nation.

A chinook is a warm, dry, southwesterly wind that occurs on the downwind slope of any major mountain range. Montana's chinook belt extends about 150 miles east from the eastern slopes of the Rockies, making central Montana a highly changeable boundary layer between cold and warm air. When a good strong chinook replaces retreating arctic air, temperatures rise dramatically. Once, during a chinook, the temperature in Havre (in northcentral Montana) rose 26 degrees in 45 seconds. Montana is also on record as having the greatest temperature spread. The difference between our lowest recorded temperature, minus 70 degrees, and our highest, 117 degrees is 187 degrees.

MONTANA IS MILDER THAN PERCEIVED

Generally, here is what you can expect of Montana's weather on a season-by-season basis:

Winter (December through early March) Cold spells in December usually don't last long because they are replaced by warm, chinook winds. In January and February, storms become more vigorous and winter gets down to business. While it can stay cold, the usual pattern alternates between cold and mild spells. Cold weather is more frequent over the eastern third of the state, while milder weather prevails to the west. Winter in this northern climate lends itself to ideal skiing conditions because the snow that blankets the Rockies is generally dry powder. And, while cold is not uncommon in the mountain valleys, ski slopes can extend into the mild air above, making Montana a skier's paradise.

Spring (late March through June) This is the season of wind and rain. Montana can still get snow in March and April, but by this time the sun is far enough north that our days are becoming warm. In May and June, the winds die down, the rain picks up, the sun is benign and the earth comes back to life. Buds appear, birds return to their summer home and wildflowers transform the winter landscape into a burst of color. Spring in Montana is an artist gone berserk.

Summer (late June through August) Summer is generally hot over the plains and mild in the mountainous west. Late afternoon thunderstorms are typical over the entire state. In the higher elevations, hikers and backpackers enjoy mild days and cool nights. The days are long because of Montana's northern location. In summer, Montana's famed rivers run clear.

Autumn (September through November) Following a first cool, wet hint of winter around Labor Day is Montana's most enchanting season—a period of unseasonably warm weather that frequently extends into late November. It's Indian Summer, characterized by warm days, cool nights, fresh, crisp air and brilliant colors. Time to be outdoors. Time to hunt and fish. Time to wax skis, sharpen edges, chop wood and prepare for the next glorious cycle.

WHAT TO WEAR

Bring a variety of clothing to stay comfortable in our changeable weather. Montana is seldom consistently hot or consistently cold. Every season holds some surprises. Montanans like to dress in layers so they can peel clothes off or add them until they are comfortable.

In the summer, shorts or light-weight slacks, sun dresses and short-sleeve shirts are the rule. If you spend much time outdoors, it's always wise to bring a jacket. In the fall and again in the spring, wardrobes run from shorts and tops to wool pants and flannel shirts. The weather is variable so the Boy Scout rule applies here: Be prepared. The only way to beat wool or polypropylene in the winter is with layers of them. You will find the best-dressed Montanans wearing insulated boots, socks, long underwear, pants, shirts, jackets, mittens and caps. Lighter-weight clothing is never out of reach, however, because mild periods are expected.

HOW TO WATCH A RODEO

Practically every weekend during the summer, a rodeo can be found somewhere in Montana. This truly Western sport began as the result of activities performed by working cowboys on their day-to-day jobs. Calf roping was done when a calf had to be caught for doctoring and branding, and saddle bronc riding was performed when breaking a horse to ride. It wasn't long before cowboys began gathering regularly to test their skills and prove who was the toughest cowboy and best rider. This contest usually took place after the annual roundup, and it was called a rodeo, the Spanish word for roundup.

In the 1880s, admission was charged for the first time and the sport developed rapidly as professional entertainment. Cowboys began traveling from rodeo to rodeo, and soon formed their own association. Over the years rodeo has developed into a series of eight events: bareback riding, saddle bronc riding, bull riding, calf roping, steer wrestling, team roping, the wild horse race and girls' barrel racing. A time limit of eight seconds was set for all riding events to maintain the health of the bucking stock.

An important part of the modern rodeo is the parade preceding it that generally features horse-drawn vehicles, equestrian units, floats, drill teams, clowns, bands and antique cars. The parade provides an opportunity for the whole community to participate in rodeo activities. The rodeo itself opens with the "grand entry." Mounted drill teams and rodeo royalty enter the arena and display the "colors." Then, the announcer's voice booms from

the loudspeaker, "Let's go, let's show, let's rodeo!" and the events begin.

Saddle Bronc Riding originated on the ranch when it was necessary for the cowboy to obtain transportation the hard way. Saddle broncs are not trained to buck, but do so instinctively. The leather flank strap is an added inducement to buck. It is not painful, just annoying. The rider uses a braided rope called a "buck rein" and standard Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA) saddle. He uses a swinging leg motion called a "lick" to keep rhythm and one hand in the air to keep his balance. A good rider will look as if he's in a rocking chair. Back on the ranch, cowboys would ride the broncs until they broke the horse or were bucked off. Today, in the rodeo arena, they have to stay on for only eight seconds. The bronc rider is judged on how well he rides and the animal on how well he bucks. Each can score up to 50 points with maximum for the ride being 100 points. Two men on horseback, called "pick-up men," are in the arena to help the cowboy dismount when the ride is over.

Bareback Riding horses are generally smaller, shiftier and faster than those used for saddle broncs. No stirrups or reins are used in this event. The rider has only a stiff leather strap that goes around the horse's belly, called a "rigging." The handhold on the rigging provides the cowboy his only means of staying on. The rider must spur the horse the entire 8 seconds and is disqualified if he touches the horse with his free hand or misses the horse with his spurs on the first jump. Again, a cowboy can receive a maximum of 100 points for his ride.

Calf Roping is a timed event and depends on harmony between the cowboy and his horse. The calf is given a 10-foot lead in this race. The cowboy must not break his rope barrier prematurely when coming out of the "box" or he will be penalized. It is the horse's job to position the cowboy near the speeding calf and enable the roper to bring him to a halt. Once the cowboy dismounts, the horse must work the rope to keep it taut while the cowboy downs the calf and ties three legs together.

Steer Wrestling is sometimes called "bull dogging." This event requires two people, a "dogger" and a "hazer." Doggers are among the most physical athletes in a very physical sport. While the hazer keeps the steer running in a straight line down the arena, the dogger must leap from a horse sprinting up to 25 miles per hour onto a 700-pound Mexican steer, grab it by the horns, stop it and wrestle it to the ground. This is a timed event, and the cowboy who can perform this task in the shortest amount of time wins.

Bull Riding is the ultimate contest between man and beast. A bull rider averaging 5'8" and 150 pounds is pitted against a 1,500-pound bull. PRCA rules require a one-handed ride with a loose rope. This flat, braided rope is placed around the bull's belly and then wrapped around the rider's hand so that it will fall off when the cowboy dismounts. The cowboy is not required to spur the bull during his eight-second ride, but spurring will add to his score. To a bull rider, rodeo clowns represent life itself. While they take time for fun and games, the clowns have one primary mission—to rescue cowboys. These "matadors" distract the bull once the cowboy is off, allowing him to escape any way he can.

Barrel Racing is a test of women's skills. In this event, women run highly-trained horses through a cloverleaf pattern at breakneck speeds. The main requirement of the barrel racer is to recognize the conditions of the arena, then ride her horse in such a way that she can trim every hundredth of a second off her time. Barrel racing is a close, exacting, exciting contest and beautiful to watch. It takes a fast, agile horse and a skillful rider with exceptional horse sense.

The Wild Horse Race is a thrilling event included in many Montana rodeos. Unlike the bucking stock used in the standard riding event, these horses are truly wild. A team of two "muggers" must hold the horse long enough to saddle him and allow a third man to mount and ride him. There are usually two lines at opposite ends of the arena which the rider must cross. The excitement of the other horses, muggers, riders and spectators adds to the fireworks.

The stock used in the rodeo plays an important role. A good bucking horse or a mean bull add considerably to the excitement of the contest. On the average, rodeo stock works about one hour out of the entire year.

Today's rodeo cowboy is a professional athlete. He competes for personal pride. It's man against animal, and skills like strength, balance, timing and coordination are all required.

Friendship runs deep among rodeo cowboys. Danger and luck draw them together. They know no financial security and seek none. Cowboys pay their own way, putting up to $200 to enter a single event. Some only compete part-time and others will enter more than 100 rodeos in a single year. Rodeo contestants compete for a "purse," and the top money-winning cowboys attend the National Finals Rodeo each December to compete for world championship titles.

Montana is the home of such unique rodeos as the All Girls Rodeo in Jackson, the All Indian Rodeo in Wolf Point, the Old Timers Rodeo in Roundup (where contestants must be at least 40 to enter), the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman and the Wild Horse Stampede in Wolf Point, the granddaddy of 'em all.

THOSE WHITE CROSSES ARE THERE FOR A REASON

The white roadside crosses along Montana's highways were put in place by the American Legion as a memorial to persons killed in highway accidents. The statewide program was launched by the legion in 1953, and today it is up to the 127 individual posts to continue the program in their area. The Montana Highway Department furnishes the Legion with the names of traffic accident victims and the location of the accidents. If more than one person died in an accident, all the crosses are mounted on a single pole. The crosses cannot be placed along interstate highways because of highway department regulations.

CITY NAME QUIZ

Each of the following phrases is a clue to the name of a town in Montana.

1. A noted newscaster _____
2. A wounded animal _____
3. An animal home _____
4. An African explorer _____
5. A well-known circus _____
6. A small sweetheart _____
7. A line of toiletries _____
8. A very fleet animal _____
9. A part of New York bought from Indians for $24 _____
10. A fur trader _____
11. A ranch activity _____
12. A flower of infancy _____
13. A large snake _____
14. A warm, southwest wind _____
15. A small valley _____
16. A wide look _____
17. A geometric figure _____
18. A former TV sheriff _____
19. No. 18's former deputy _____
20. A hill standing alone _____
21. A colorless vertebrate _____
22. A severed money institution _____
23. A double overpass _____
24. A starving mammal _____
25. A caretaker of sheep _____
26. An exterior view _____
27. Solomon's request _____
28. Abundant fuel _____
29. Much above average _____
30. Holds up a person's pants _____
31. Indian footwear _____
32. Next door to heaven _____
33. Multiple tableware _____
34. Custer's regimental song _____
35. Where the Trojan war was fought _____
36. Uncivilized _____
37. First U.S. Treasurer _____
38. Flip Wilson's impersonation _____
39. Bookkeeping form _____
40. A type of bean _____
41. Name of a nuclear submarine _____
42. To split _____
43. Type of tree or bug _____
44. The Russian capitol _____
45. A vacuum cleaner brand _____
46. Get on your knees and _____
47. Invoices _____
48. Distance (+ City) _____
49. Big stone _____
50. Large forest _____
51. Colorless corridor _____
52. Flaming inn _____
53. (West+) Large ice cube _____
54. Founder of psychoanalysis _____
55. What water does in the freezer _____
56. One who grows flowers _____
57. Small waterfall _____
58. A tree whose foliage was used to make crowns _____
59. A cigarette brand _____
60. Unmarried girl _____
61. A large utensil _____

Answers on following page

REFERENCE BOOKS

MONTANA GEOGRAPHIC SERIES
P.O. Box 5630, Helena, MT 59604
406-443-2842 or 800-821-3874 (MT)
800-654-1105

A series of natural history and geographic books about Montana. Individual titles examine specific rivers, mountain ranges, parks and regions. Books are written for a wide audience and include lots of color photography.

FALCON PRESS
P.O. Box 1718, Helena, MT 59624
406-442-6597 or 800-582-2665

Publisher of outdoor recreation guides. Detailed how-to and where-to guides to fishing, floating, hiking, hunting, rockhounding and climbing in Montana. Also wildlife viewing and wildflower identification. Photos and maps included.

For a complete list of field guides, general books and maps about Glacier and Yellowstone:

GLACIER NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 327, West Glacier, MT 59936
406-888-5756

YELLOWSTONE ASSOCIATION
P.O. Box 117
Yellowstone National Park, WY 82190
307-344-2293

A SELECTED READING LIST

A Travelers Companion to Montana History
Carroll Van West, Montana Historical Society, Helena, 1986.

Journals of Lewis and Clark
Bernard DeVoto, ed., Houghton-Mifflin Co., Boston, 1953

The Last Best Place
William Kittredge and Annick Smith, eds. University of Washington Press, Seattle, 1988.

Montana
Norma Tirrell, Fodor's Travel Publications, 1995.

Montana Indians: Yesterday and Today
William L. Bryan and Michael Crummet, American & World Geographic Publishing, Helena, MT, 1995.

Montana: A History of Two Centuries
Michael P. Malone, Richard B. Roeder and William Lang, University of Washington Press, Seattle, 1991.

Montana Wildlife Viewing Guide
Carol and Hank Fischer, Falcon Press, Helena, MT, 1990.

Undaunted Courage: Meriwether Lewis, Thomas Jefferson, and the Opening of the American West
Stephen Ambrose, Simon & Schuster, New York, 1996

PARADISE VALLEY, NEAR LIVINGSTON

MONTANA CITY NAME QUIZ ANSWERS

1. Huntley
2. Lame Deer
3. Deer Lodge
4. Livingston
5. Ringling
6. Wibaux
7. Avon
8. Antelope
9. Manhattan
10. (Jim) Bridger
11. Roundup
12. Rosebud
13. Anaconda
14. Chinook
15. Dell
16. Broadview
17. Circle
18. (Matt) Dillon
19. Chester
20. Butte
21. Whitefish
22. Cut Bank
23. Twin Bridges
24. Hungry Horse
25. Shepherd
26. Outlook
27. Wisdom
28. Plentywood
29. Superior
30. Belt
31. Moccasin
32. Paradise
33. Three Forks
34. Garryowen
35. Troy
36. Savage
37. (Alexander) Hamilton
38. Geraldine
39. Ledger
40. Lima
41. Trident
42. Divide
43. Box Elder
44. Kremlin
45. Eureka
46. Pray
47. Billings
48. Miles City
49. Boulder
50. Big Timber
51. Whitehall
52. Red Lodge
53. West Glacier
54. Froid
55. Hardin
56. Gardiner
57. Cascade
58. Laurel
59. Winston
60. Maiden
61. Bigfork

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RESTAURANTS

TRANSPORTATION SERVICES
RECEPTIVE OPERATORS

ACCOMMODATIONS

CITY / ZIP	NAME / ADDRESS / PHONE	ROOMS	REST	RS	LOUNGE	ENT	POOL	A/C	DISABLED	COMP	PARKING	RATE	COMMENTS
ANACONDA 59711	Fairmont Hot Springs Resort 1500 Fairmont Rd. 406-797-3241 or 800-332-3272 Fax 406-797-3337	150	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	2 Olympic-size pools and 2 soaking pools, open 24 hours to registered guests. Video gaming, massage therapy, 18-hole golf course. "The Best of Montana All In One Place."
BIGFORK 59911	Marina Cay Resort & Conference Center 180 Vista Lane P.O. Box 663 406-837-5861 or 800-433-6516 Fax 406-837-1118	125	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Year-round resort on Flathead Lake. Award-winning restaurant, lounge and casino. Meetings for 10-200. Full-service marina with water craft rentals. Bigfork has restaurants, art galleries and unique shopping. Minutes to mountain activities.
	Timbers Motel 8540 MT 35 P.O. Box 757 406-837-6200 or 800-821-4546 Fax 406-837-6203	40					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Exceptional property, very clean, large rooms. Meeting and banquet facilities provided by the Bigfork Inn. Transportation included via the Bigfork Inn trolley. Come join us.
BIG SKY 59716	Best Western Buck's T-4 Lodge US 191 P.O. Box 160279 406-995-4111 or 800-822-4484 Fax 406-995-2191	75	▼		▼				▼		▼	$$$	Quiet mountain setting. Yellowstone National Park entrance 40 miles. Located in scenic Gallatin Canyon halfway between Bozeman and West Yellowstone. Nationally acclaimed restaurant.
BIG TIMBER 59011	Big Timber Super 8 Motel I-90 and Hwy 10 W, Exit 367 P.O. Box 1441 406-932-8888 Fax 406-932-4103	39	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Offering 39 clean, comfortable rooms, guest laundry, copy/fax machines, remote cable TV, video rentals and plenty of space for RV or bus parking. Stay with us and enjoy our mountain scenery.
BILLINGS 59101	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 2511 1st Ave. N. P.O. Box 1791 (59103) 406-259-5511 or 800-628-9081 Fax 406-245-8004	130	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Newly redecorated. Spacious, comfortable rooms. Professional and friendly staff has been providing tours with exceptional service for over 29 years.
	The Dude Rancher Lodge 415 N. 29th St. 406-259-5561 Fax 406-259-5561	57	▼	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	
	Esquire Motor Inn 3314 1st Ave. N. 406-259-4551 Fax 406-252-3970	51	▼		▼			▼		▼		$	Close to downtown.
	Holiday Inn Billings Plaza 5500 Midland Rd. 406-248-7701 Fax 406-248-2031	315	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Atrium lobby with waterfall, whirlpool, sauna, indoor pool, exercise room, welcome reception, convention facilities and gift shops. Montana hospitality at its best!
	Radisson Northern Hotel 19 N. 28th St. P.O. Box 1296 (59103) 406-245-5121 or 800-333-3333 Fax 406-259-9862	160	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Historic hotel located in the heart of downtown Billings, close to shopping, theaters, museums and restaurants.
	Sheraton Billings Hotel 27 N. 27th St. 406-252-7400 or 800-588-ROOM Fax 406-252-7020	282	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	$$$	Located in downtown Billings. 23-story high-rise hotel, featuring recently remodeled, elegant rooms with many amenities. Within walking distance of shops, entertainment spots and museums.
BOZEMAN 59715	Best Western City Center Motor Inn 507 W. Main 406-587-3158 or 800-528-1234	64	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Extra large rooms, all queen beds, indoor pool and jacuzzi, Black Angus Steak House and lounge, 4-B's Restaurant open 24 hours. All are a Montana tradition.
	Best Western GranTree Inn 1325 N. 7th Ave. 406-587-5261 or 800-624-5865 Fax 406-587-9437	103	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Located 90 miles from Yellowstone Park, 40 miles from Big Sky Resort and 15 miles from Bridger Bowl Ski Area.
	Gallatin Gateway Inn US 191 P.O. Box 376 406-763-4672 or 800-676-3522 Fax 406-763-4672	35	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Beautifully restored 1927 grand railroad inn. Located in the heart of Yellowstone Country amid spectacular scenery, fishing and hiking. Well appointed, comfortable rooms. Includes continental breakfast buffet.

REST ..... Restaurant on property or within walking distance
RS ..... Room Service
LOUNGE ..... Lounge on property
ENT ..... Live Entertainment
POOL ..... Swimming pool

A/C ..... Air conditioning in rooms
DISABLED ..... Disabled facilities
COMP ..... Complimentary room for escort
PARKING ..... Bus parking nearby
*$ ..... Under $40
*$$ ..... $40-$60

*$$$ ..... $60-$80
*$$$$ ..... Over $80
*Rates based on 1996, for double occupancy

ACCOMMODATIONS

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BUTTE 59701	Best Western Copper King Park Hotel 4655 Harrison Ave. 406-494-6666 or 800-332-8600 Fax 406-494-3274	150	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Welcome reception for tours, baggage handling, fitness room, pool, hot tub, indoor tennis, non-smoking rooms, weekend entertainment, restaurant and lounge. Quiet, yet only 2 miles from hwy.
	Butte Comfort Inn 2777 Harrison Ave. 406-494-8850 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-494-2801	150	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	We meet and greet each coach and offer a welcome reception. Complimentary continental breakfast, special dinner rates, spa, sauna, fitness center and guest laundry.
	Holiday Inn Express – Parkside 1 Holiday Park Dr. 406-494-6999 or 800-HOLIDAY Fax 406-494-1300	83	▼					▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Picture window overlooking the Highland and Pintler mountains in every room. All the comforts of home with free breakfast bar, suites with microwaves and refrigerators. Hair dryers and phones in every bathroom.
	Super 8 Motel of Butte 2929 Harrison Ave. 406-494-6000 or 800-800-8000 Fax 406-494-6000	104						▼	▼		▼	$$	I-15 and I-90. Shopping mall, restaurants, banks and Chamber of Commerce very close. Free city maps.
	War Bonnet Inn 2100 Cornell Ave. 406-494-7800 or 800-443-1806 Fax 406-494-2875	134	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	The War Bonnet Inn prides itself on customer service. Each bus tour is greeted by a member of management and treated to a complimentary welcome reception.
CHINOOK 59523	Chinook Motor Inn 100 Indiana St. P.O. Box 1418 406-357-2248 or 800-603-2864 Fax 406-357-2261	38	▼		▼			▼	▼		▼	$$	Conveniently located on US 2. A complete, modern facility with clean, comfortable rooms, family restaurant, lounge and casino. Stay with us and enjoy Chinook's historical museum, tour the Bear Paw Battlefield and small town shops.
CHOTEAU 59422	Best Western Stage Stop Inn 1005 N. Main P.O. Box 1238 406-466-5900 or 888-466-5900 Fax 406-466-5907	43					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Restaurant and lounge across street, indoor pool, spa, guest laundry, game room, exercise room, complimentary continental breakfast, meeting room, pet kennels.
	Western Star Motel 426 S. Main P.O. Box 97 406-466-5737	14						▼			▼	$	Laundromat.
COLSTRIP 59323	Super 8 of Colstrip 6227 Main St. P.O. Box 1917 406-748-3400 Fax 406-748-3467	40						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Wildlife, spectacular scenery, real Old West history and authentic, Native American and cowboy culture, visitor center. Nearby lake and low-impact hiking trails. High quality lodging.
COLUMBIA FALLS 59912	Glacier Mountain Shadows Resort 7285 US 2 E 406-892-7686 or 800-766-1137 Fax 406-892-4575	22	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$	A full service facility. More than a motel, RV park and campground! New 8-person spas, Indian tepees, laundromat, recreational facilities, cookout pavilion, restaurant. A family-run resort!
COLUMBUS 59019	Columbus Super 8 Motel 602 E. 8th Ave. N. P.O. Box 88 406-322-4101 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-322-4636	72	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Located 40 miles from Billings, the Super 8 is the perfect stop. We meet and greet each coach and meet all your needs.
CONRAD 59425	Conrad Super 8 Motel 215 N. Main St. 278-7676 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-278-5370	48	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Located between Glacier Park and Great Falls, a perfect stop after a day in the park. We offer all that the larger properties do at a fraction of the cost.
DILLON 59725	Dillon Comfort Inn 450 N. Interchange P.O. Box 666 683-6831 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-683-2021	48			▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Newly renovated property offers a complimentary continental breakfast, guest laundry and Lucky Lil's Casino. We meet and greet each coach.
EAST GLACIER 59434	Mountain Pine Motel MT 49 P.O. Box 260 East Glacier Park 406-226-4403	25							▼		▼	$$	Quiet, timbered setting near scenic Glacier Park. 25 units, most with queen beds. Good restaurants nearby. Rooms available for full-sized tours May 10-June 10 and Sept. 20-Oct. 1. Smaller groups June 10-Sept. 20.
FORSYTH 59327	Best Western Sundowner Inn 1018 Front St. P.O. Box 1080 356-2115 or 800-332-0921 Fax 406-356-2216	40						▼		▼	▼	$$	A 2-story motel with restaurant, lounge and casino within 500 feet of property. Membership in city's indoor Olympic-size pool, 6 blocks from motel. Museum nearby open in summer.

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FORT PECK 59223	Fort Peck Hotel Missouri and Kansas Ave. P.O. Box 168 406-526-3266 or 800-560-4931 Fax 406-526-3472	38	▼		▼			▼		▼	▼	$$	Beautiful hotel constructed in 30s. Listed on National Register of Historic Sites. Quiet town surrounded by Charles M. Russell National Wildlife Refuge. One mile from Fort Peck Lake – Montana's "Uncut Diamond." Just 17 miles from US 2.
GARDINER 59030	Absaroka Lodge US 89 at Yellowstone River Bridge P.O. Box 10 406-848-7414 or 800-755-7414 Fax 406-848-7560	41						▼	▼		▼	$$$	Situated on the bank of the Yellowstone River, quarter mile from the North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Each room has balcony overlooking the Yellowstone River. Exceptionally nice, clean rooms. Pleasant, helpful staff.
	The Comfort Inn–Yellowstone North 107 Hellroaring Rd. P.O. Box 268 406-848-7536 (Phone/Fax) 800-228-5150 (Reservations only)	80						▼	▼		▼	$$$$	Rate reflects mid-June to mid-August. Lower rates rest of year. 3-story log structure with rustic log furnishings. Complimentary continental breakfast. Conference room. Located at North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Open year-round.
	Wilson's Yellowstone River Motel 14 Park St. P.O. Box 223 406-848-7303 Fax 406-848-7304	38						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Our motel offers a quiet location, color/cable TV, phones and a patio overlooking the Yellowstone River. Restaurants, lounges and shopping within walking distance.
	Yellowstone Village Inn 1102 Scott St. W. P.O. Box 297 406-848-7417 or 800-228-8158 Fax 406-848-7418	43	▼			▼	▼	▼			▼	$$$	Yellowstone Park North Entrance, open year-round, rustic Western decor, dinner theatre, lobby with fireplace, unobstructed view of Yellowstone National Park, where elk stay free!
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK 59434	Glacier Park, Inc. 1850 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85077-0928 602-207-6816 Fax 602-207-5589												
	Glacier Park Lodge East Glacier Park	161	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	$$$$	The first hotel in the park, the "big tree lodge" offers a great stopover point on the east side. A 9-hole golf course and huge lobby with fireplace welcome guests.
	Lake McDonald Complex 10 miles from West Glacier on Going-to-the-Sun Rd.	100	▼		▼				▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Lake McDonald offers accommodations on the west side. Accommodations vary from cottage and motel style to original main lodge rooms.
	Many Glacier Hotel 12 miles from Babb	211	▼		▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	$$$$	In the northeast part of Glacier National Park. The Park's largest hotel provides spectacular scenery of the area.
	Prince of Wales Hotel Waterton Lakes National Park	87	▼		▼					▼	▼	$$$$	Overlooking beautiful Waterton Lake. The hotel provides great comfort with English charm.
	Rising Sun Motor Inn 5 miles W of St. Mary	72	▼						▼		▼	$$$	At eastern gateway to Going-to-the-Sun Road. Clean, comfortable accommodations.
	Swiftcurrent Motor Inn 13 miles W of Babb	88	▼						▼	▼	▼	$$$	Nestled in the heart of Glacier National Park. Comfortable, clean accommodations. Restaurant remodeled in 1996.
GLASGOW 59230	Cottonwood Inn US 2 E P.O. Box 1240 406-228-8213 or 800-321-8213 Fax 406-228-8248	92	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Complimentary welcome reception.
GLENDIVE 59330	Best Western Jordan Inn & Conference Center 223 N. Merrill P.O. Box 741 406-365-5655 or 800-824-5067 Fax 406-365-6233	69	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	Easy access off I-94. Indoor pool, sauna, coffee shop and fine dining, casino, gift shop, guest laundry. Original J.K. Ralston art collection, Klampmeirer agate jewelry display. Makoshika State Park 3 miles. Paddlefishing 17 miles.
GREAT FALLS 59401	Best Western Heritage Inn 1700 Fox Farm Rd. (59404) 406-761-1900 or 800-548-0361 Fax 406-761-0136	239	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	French Quarter area with pool, hot tubs, saunas, game room, pool table. Gift shop, casino, meeting rooms. Near I-15. NTA and ABA member.
	Best Western Ponderosa Inn 220 Central Ave. 406-761-3410 or 800-266-3410 Fax 406-761-3410	105	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	In the heart of downtown. Newly remodeled rooms with microwave and refrigerator in every room. Within blocks of C. M. Russell Museum, Paris Gibson Park and excellent shopping.

ACCOMMODATIONS

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GREAT FALLS 59401 (cont.)	Great Falls Comfort Inn 1120 9th St. S. (59472) 406-454-2727 Fax 406-454-2727	64					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	
	Holiday Inn Great Falls 400 10th Ave. S. (59405) 406-727-7200 (Phone/Fax) or 800-626-8009 (MT) 800-257-1998 (USA & Canada)	163	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Atrium tower, spacious rooms, complimentary reception on arrival, complimentary continental breakfast on departure. Warm Western hospitality. Service is our pleasure.
	TownHouse Inns of Great Falls 1411 10th Ave. S. (59405) 406-761-4600 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-761-7603	108	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	The perfect stop between Glacier Park and Yellowstone Park. Great rates and a welcome reception.
HAMILTON 59840	Hamilton Comfort Inn 1113 N. 1st St. 406-363-6600 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-363-5644	64	▼		▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	In the beautiful Bitterroot Valley. We meet and greet each tour and offer a complimentary continental breakfast.
HARDIN 59034	American Inn 1324 N. Crawford 406-665-1870 or 800-582-8094 Fax 406-665-1615	42	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Outdoor heated pool, 140-ft. water slide, hot tub, "Far West" riverboat-style casino, lounge and restaurant. 15 miles from Little Bighorn Battlefield. 43 miles from Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area.
HAVRE 59501	TownHouse Inn of Havre 629 W. 1st St. 406-265-6711 or 800-442-4667 406-265-6213	104			▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Complimentary continental breakfast. We meet and greet each tour.
HELENA 59601	Aladdin Motor Inn 2101 11th Ave. 406-443-2300 or 800-541-2743 Fax 406-443-7052	72	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$	Casino, indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi, meeting rooms and 80% non-smoking rooms.
	Best Western Colonial Park Hotel 2301 Colonial Dr. 406-443-2100 or 800-422-1002 Fax 406-442-0301	149	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	All queen- and king-size beds. Indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, jacuzzi, restaurant, lounge, gift shop. 4 blocks from shopping mall.
	Holiday Inn Express 701 Washington St. 406-449-4000 or 800-HOLIDAY Fax 406-449-4522	75						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Helena's newest lodging facility provides a lovely complimentary breakfast bar, smoke-free environment and easy access to US 12 and I-15.
	Jorgenson's Holiday Motel 1714 11th Ave. 406-442-1770 or 800-272-1770 (in MT) Fax 406-449-0155	117	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	A Montana tradition for over 40 years; Jorgenson's Holiday Motel, Restaurant and Lounge is located 6 blocks from Montana's State Capitol and right next door to Helena's largest indoor shopping mall.
	King's Inn 910 N. Last Chance Gulch 406-442-6080 or 888-334-5464 Fax 406-449-4131	119	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Located on famous Last Chance Gulch. Close to downtown sites and shopping. Second-largest property in Helena. Continental breakfast. Catering, banquet, meeting rooms. Wine and cheese parties for some tours; call for info.
	Park Plaza Hotel and Convention Center 22 N. Last Chance Gulch 406-443-2200 or 800-332-2290 (in MT) Fax 406-442-4030	71	▼	▼	▼	▼		▼		▼	▼	$$	A fine 7-story hotel, located within strolling distance of theaters, shops, galleries, St. Helena Cathedral, the Original Governor's Mansion, the Fire Tower, Mansion District and Reeders Alley.
KALISPELL 59901	Best Western Outlaw Inn 1701 US 93 S 406-755-6100 Fax 406-756-8994	220	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Welcome gift upon arrival. Clean spacious and tastefully decorated. Western hospitality at its best. NTA and ABA member.
	Cavanaugh's at Kalispell Center 20 N. Main St. 406-752-6660 or 800-THE-INNS Fax 406-752-6628	132	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	A Western barbecue buffet in our courtyard and shopping in our 50+ store mall attached to our hotel lobby. Centrally located in historic downtown Kalispell.
	Four Seasons Motor Inn 350 N. Main St. 406-755-6123 or 800-545-6399 Fax 406-755-1604	101	▼					▼		▼	▼	$$	Close to downtown and the mall. Good family-style restaurant with reasonable prices. Open from 6am to 10pm. Group meals can be arranged. Most of our 2-bed units are on the ground floor and many rooms are non-smoking. Jacuzzi and pool.
	Friendship Inn 1009 US 2 E 406-257-7155 or 800-759-2576 Fax 406-257-7170	30						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Excellent shopping and restaurants nearby. Firm beds–a good night's sleep, dead bolts, very secure, non smoking rooms. Close to The Big Mountain and Glacier Park.

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KALISPELL 59901 (cont.)	Ramada Klondike Inn 4834 US 93 S 406-857-2200 Fax 406-857-2221	102	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼		▼	$$$	Breathtaking views. Walk to Flathead Lake, 5 minutes from major golf course. Convention facilities up to 1,000. Suites with spas or saunas, indoor/outdoor pools, running track, gas/food mart.
LAUREL 59044	Best Western Locomotive Inn 310 S. 1st Ave. 406-628-8281 Fax 406-628-6610	51	▼		▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	In 1806, Lewis and Clark camped at the mouth of the Clark's Fork River where it joins the Yellowstone. Explore the history of the railroads, Indian battles, or our German heritage. Relax and enjoy our Western hospitality.
LIVINGSTON 59047	Yellowstone Motor Inn 1515 W. Park 406-222-6110 or 800-826-1214 Fax 406-222-3976	99	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Newly renovated, 56 miles from North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Blue ribbon flyfishing, winter sports, museums, complimentary meals for bus driver and escort, on-site beauty salon.
MALTA 59538	Edgewater Inn and Campground 101 US 2 W P.O. Box 1630 406-645-1302 Fax 406-654-2555	32					▼	▼			▼	$$	Hot tub, sauna, fitness room. On major route to Canada and Glacier Park. Restaurant, lounge and convenience store adjacent to motel.
MILES CITY 59301	Best Western War Bonnet Inn 1015 S. Haynes Ave. P.O. Box 1055 406-232-4560 Fax 406-232-0363	54					▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	Free buffet-style breakfast. Indoor pool, sauna, jacuzzi. Remote cable TV, HBO, Disney. Restaurants, lounge, casino nearby. Welcome reception. Express check-in.
	Budget Host Custer's Inn 1209 S. Haynes P.O. Box 1235 406-232-5170 (Phone/Fax) 800-456-5026	56					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	4 restaurants, 3 casinos, 2 gas stations. Convenience stores within 1 block. Heated indoor pool.
	Rodeway Inn and Olive Hotel 501 Main St. 406-232-2450 or 800-228-2000 Fax 406-232-5866	60	▼	▼	▼			▼	▼		▼	$	Olive Hotel is a registered historical hotel and the only full service hotel in Miles City.
MISSOULA 58801	Best Western Grant Creek Inn 5280 Grant Creek Rd. (59802) 406-543-0700 or 888-543-0700 Fax 406-543-0777	126					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Panoramic view of mountains. Complimentary welcome reception and European breakfast buffet. Featuring indoor recreation facility and computerized business center. Coach service nearby.
	Holiday Inn Express-Riverside 1021 E. Broadway (59802) 406-549-7600 or 800-HOLIDAY Fax 406-543-2223	95						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	A picture window in every room overlooks the river and Mount Sentinel. Conveniently located across from the University of Montana, offering all the comforts of home with a free breakfast bar.
	Holiday Inn Missoula-Parkside 200 S. Pattee St. (59802) 406-721-8550 or 800-399-0408 Fax 406-728-3472	200	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Located on the bank of the Clark Fork River, with a beautiful city park as our backyard. Downtown, convenient location. Shopping and dining within walking distance.
	Homestead/4B's Inns 3803 Brooks 406-251-2665 or 800-272-9500 Fax 406-251-5733	158	▼	▼				▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	3 motel properties, 2 in Missoula and 1 in Belgrade/Bozeman, with delightful family restaurants immediately adjacent. Adjacent to golf courses and shopping in Missoula.
	Orange Street Budget Motor Inn 801 N. Orange (59802) 406-721-3610 or 800-328-0801 Fax 406-721-8875	81						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	3-story motel, elevator, non-smoking rooms, 2 handicap, 4 pet rooms, $5 pet charge, continental breakfast, 24-hour coffee bar, barbecue on patio, winter plug-ins.
	Rodeway Inn Southgate 3530 Brooks St. 406-251-2250 or 800-247-2616 Fax 406-251-2006	81					▼	▼		▼	▼	$$	3 blocks to Southgate Mall. A half-mile to Community Hospital and Larchmont Golf Course.
	Ruby's Reserve Street Inn 4825 Reserve St. (59802) 406-721-0990 or 800-221-2057 Fax 406-721-0990	127	▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Conveniently located off I-90. Enjoy our creek and picnic area. Complimentary welcome reception. Complimentary coffee and donuts upon departure in the morning. Free sleeping room for the tour escort and bus driver with 20 occupied rooms.
	Super 8 Motel 3901 S. Brooks St. 406-251-2255 or 800-854-9518 Fax 406-251-2989	104						▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Free toast, muffin and Danish bar. Pizza Hut and 24-hour family restaurant within 1 block. Ski packages available. Off-season discounts for groups.

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MISSOULA 59801 (cont.)	Val-U Inn 3001 Brooks St. 406-721-9600 or 800-443-7777 Fax 406-721-7208	84	▼		▼			▼		▼	▼	$$	Next door to the largest mall in Missoula. Free continental breakfast. Hot tub and sauna.
MONARCH 59463	Cub's Den 5012 US 89 S P.O. Box 61 406-236-5922	14	▼		▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	$$	Area attractions include hunting, fishing, hiking, wildlife viewing. Located on designated Scenic Byway between Glacier and Yellowstone parks. Complimentary continental breakfast served poolside.
POLSON 59860	Best Western KwaTaqNuk Resort 303 US 93 E 406-883-3636 or 800-882-6363 Fax 406-883-5392	112	▼	▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Flathead Lake location. Restaurant, lounge, convention center, indoor/outdoor pools, whirlpool, full-service marina. Nearby golf, fishing, whitewater rafting, boat cruises, biking and museums.
RED LODGE 59068	Best Western LuPine Inn 702 S. Hauser P.O. Box 30 406-446-1321 Fax 406-446-1465	46					▼	▼	▼		▼	$$	Features indoor pool, spa, sauna, fitness room, indoor playground, guest laundry, queen beds, meeting room, game room, guest houses, in-room spas and much more. Courteous staff makes your stay memorable.
	Super 8 Motel 1223 S. Broadway HC 49, Box 3375 406-446-2288 or 800-800-8000 Fax 406-446-3162	50					▼	▼	▼		▼	$$$	Beartooth Hwy Scenic Byway to Yellowstone Park, Red Lodge Mountain Ski Area, golf course, indoor and outdoor hot tubs, suites with jacuzzi tubs, guest laundry, Showtime, ESPN, CNN, video arcade.
SEELEY LAKE 59868	Wapiti Resort MT 83 N, mile marker 16 P.O. Box 565 406-677-2775 or 800-867-5678 Fax 406-273-2640	36	▼	▼	▼			▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Historical site, located on the original townsite of Seeley Lake. A reconstructed, turn-of-the-century "Olde Town" lets viewers step back into history. Motel rooms or cabins with kitchenettes.
SHELBY 59474	Shelby Comfort Inn 50 Frontage Rd. P.O. Box 901 406-434-2212 or 800-442-4667 Fax 406-434-2493	72			▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Just outside Glacier Park's door, the Shelby Comfort Inn offers a welcome reception and complimentary continental breakfast.
WEST YELLOWSTONE 59758	Best Western Executive Inn 236 Dunraven P.O. Box 1280 406-646-7681 or 800-528-1234 Fax 406-646-9549	81	▼	▼			▼	▼		▼	▼	$$$	The Best Western Executive Inn, located 4 blocks from Yellowstone Park, offers a full-service restaurant and latte bar. Discover West Yellowstone and the Executive Inn.
	Best Western Pine 234 Firehole Ave. P.O. Box 67 406-646-7622 or 800-646-7622 Fax 406-646-9443	45	▼		▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$	Excellent restaurant on the premises. 4 blocks from Yellowstone Park entrance. Open all year. Plug-ins available for buses.
	City Center Motel 228 Madison Ave. P.O. Box 580 406-646-7337 (Phone/Fax) 800-742-0665	25										$$$	Meeting room with kitchen and hot tub. Adjacent to 2 restaurants and 2 lounges.
	Kelly Inn 104 S. Canyon St. P.O. Box 1482 406-646-4544 or 800-259-4672 Fax 406-646-9838	78					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	New in December 1995. Located 3 blocks from West Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Large comfortable guest rooms, adjacent to IMAX theater and Grizzly Discovery Center, indoor pool, sauna, whirlpool and guest laundry.
	Lionshead Super 8 Lodge 1545 Targhee Pass Hwy 406-646-9584 or 800-800-8000	44	▼		▼	▼			▼		▼	$$$	Hot tub, sauna. Fishing ponds, playground, hiking trail nearby.
	Stage Coach Inn 209 Madison Ave. P.O. Box 160 406-646-7381 or 800-842-2882 Fax 406-646-9575	85	▼		▼	▼		▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	A taste of the American West at the doorstep of Yellowstone National Park. Tours greeted upon arrival. Meeting and banquet facilities available.
	West Yellowstone Conference Hotel Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort 315 Yellowstone Ave. P.O. Box 459 406-646-7365 or 800-646-7365 Fax 406-646-4433	123	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	Full service hotel 4 blocks from Yellowstone's West Entrance. Every room has a mini-fridge, microwave, hair dryer, coffeemaker, in-room movies, Nintendo. On-site restaurant, lounge, indoor pool and gift shop.

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WHITEFISH 59937	Alpinglow Inn 3900 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1770 406-862-6966 or 800-754-6760 Fax 406-862-0076	54	▼					▼	▼			$$$	In the heart of The Big Mountain Village. Enjoy our saunas and jacuzzis, proximity to Glacier National Park and the majestic views of the Flathead Valley.
	Grouse Mountain Lodge 1205 US 93 S 406-862-3000 or 800-321-8822	145	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Cable TV, located next to golf course, gift shop. NTA member.
	Hibernation House 3812 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1400 406-862-1982 or 800-858-5439 Fax 406-862-1956	42							▼	▼	▼	$$	Located in The Big Mountain Resort Village area. Free continental breakfast and local telephone calls. Restaurants, lounges, hiking, biking, tennis, scenic gondola rides all within walking distance.
	Kandahar Lodge Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1659 406-862-6098 or 800-862-6094 Fax 406-862-6095	50	▼	▼	▼					▼	▼	$$$$	Located in the village of The Big Mountain Ski Resort, Kandahar is a beautifully appointed mountain lodge with all the amenities (down comforters, full spa) and charm to complete your Montana experience.
	Quality Inn Pine Lodge 920 Spokane Ave. 406-862-7600 or 800-305-7463 Fax 406-862-7616	76					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$	Free continental breakfast. Small conference room. One comp per 15 paid. 30 miles from West Entrance to Glacier Park.
	Rocky Mountain Lodge 6510 US 93 S 406-862-2569 or 800-862-2569 Fax 406-862-1154 E-mail: bwrml@fcva.org	79					▼	▼	▼	▼	▼	$$$$	New hotel, 22 miles from Glacier, 1 mile south of Amtrak Depot. Amenities include complimentary European breakfast, outdoor heated pool and spa, laundry, exercise room, data ports, shuttle, meeting and banquet space. Catering available.
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, WY 82190	TW Recreational Services Group Tour Office Yellowstone National Park, WY 307-344-7901												NTA, ABA, and TIAA member. One comp room for each 15 paid rooms. Dumpsite at Mammoth Hot Springs and Old Faithful.

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BELGRADE 59714	Bair's Truck Stop I-90 & Jackrabbit Lane P.O. Box 1290 406-388-4665 Fax 406-388-4231	SD	BLD	200	▼	VI MC DIS	Daily 24 hrs	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
BIGFORK 59911	Bigfork Inn 604 Electric Ave. P.O. Box 697 406-837-6680 Fax 406-837-5658	SD	D	240	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 5-10pm Dinner 4-close Lounge	BD	▼			Swiss chalet built in 1937. Cedar beams, rustic interior, state-of-the-art kitchen. Exceptional food, eclectic menu with beef, seafood, chicken, duck.
	Bigfork Subway Inc. 8270 MT 35 406-837-5252	FF	LD	50			Sun-Thurs 10am-10pm Fri-Sat 10am-midnight	BD	▼	▼	▼	Located on MT 35 in beautiful downtown Bigfork.
	The Northshore 116 Holt Dr. P.O. Box 2242 406-837-5381 Fax 406-837-5383	SD	BLD	82	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 6:30am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Friendly atmosphere, reasonable prices. Overlooks scenic Flathead Lake. Fantastic view from covered deck. Open air dining available during warm weather.
	Sabo's Pub & Village Pizzeria 260 River St. P.O. Box 1453 406-837-5251 Fax 406-982-3344	SD	LD	65		VI MC AE DIS	Daily 11am-2am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in downtown Bigfork with a dock overlooking the village! Specializing in Montana-made micro beer and great food.
BILLINGS 59101	Chinese Kitchen 117 S. 29 St. 406-259-0855	SD	LD	80	▼	VI MC	Daily 11am-8pm	TE	▼		▼	Only Chinese restaurant on the south side for over 26 years.
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 875 Main St. (59105) 406-245-0333	SD	BLD	180	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Breakfast served all day.
	Elmer's Pancake & Steakhouse 2455 Central Ave. (59102) 406-656-8292 Fax 406-656-8968	SD	BLD	180	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Daily breakfast, lunch and dinner specials. Breakfast served all day.
	Lucky Diamond Restaurant 27 N. 27th St. 406-252-7400 or 800-588-7666 Fax 406-252-2401	SD	BLD	150	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 6am-10pm		▼	▼		
	Muzzle Loader Cafe 4912 Laurel Rd. P.O. Box 30795 (59107) 406-248-8608 Fax 406-259-9094	SD	BLD	89		VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼		A Billings tradition since 1958. Family dining with full beverage license. Casino next door in the Powder Horn Bar.
	Perkins Family Restaurant 825 N. 27th St. 406-248-8320 Fax 406-256-9590	SD	BLD	200	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Perkins Family Restaurant 765 S. 20th St. W. 406-656-6640 Fax 406-652-1873	SD	BLD	173		VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Full menu available 24 hours a day. On-premise bakery for carry out or dining in.
	The Rex 2401 Montana Ave. 406-245-7477	SD	LD	90	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 5:30-10:30pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Turn-of-the-century building in the heart of the historic district. It is beautifully renovated with plenty of free parking and a full liquor license. Lunch is served only for groups of 40 or more.
	Stella's Kitchen & Bakery 110 N. 29th St. 406-248-3060	SD	BL	120		VI MC	Mon-Fri 6am-3pm Sat 6am-4pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Delicious homemade food. Especially well-known for our breakfast. Delicious baked goods made fresh daily.

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BU ..... Smorgasbord/Buffet
FF ..... Fast Food
CS ..... Coffee Shop

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L ..... Lunch
D ..... Dinner
VI ..... Visa

MC ..... MasterCard
AE ..... American Express
DIS ..... Discover
DC ..... Diners Club

CB ..... Carte Blanche
TE ..... Tour Escort
BD ..... Bus Driver

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BLACK EAGLE 59414	3-D International 1825 Smelter Ave. P.O. Box A 406-453-6561 Cellular 406-788-6561 Fax 406-453-9947	SD BU	LD	200	▼	VI MC DIS	Dinner Daily Lunch, Mon-Fri 11am-2pm		▼	▼	▼	Located across the Missouri River from Great Falls in historic Black Eagle. Serving Mongolian grill, Asian, Italian, steaks and seafood. Beautiful art deco interior since 1946.
BOULDER 59632	Boulder Hot Springs 3 miles S of Boulder on MT 69 P.O. Box 930 406-225-4339 Fax 406-225-4345	BU	BLD	50		VI MC	Daily	BD	▼	▼	▼	A 100-year-old hotel nestled in the mountains. Natural hot spring water for soaking, swimming and steam baths. Meals for groups only.
BOZEMAN 59715	Bagel Barn, Inc. 2700A W. Main St. 406-585-2877 Fax 406-585-2878	FF CS	BL	69			Mon-Sat 6:30am-2pm Sun 7am-2pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	We reside in a converted barn that may soon be on the Historic Register. Wonderful view of the Hyalite and Spanish peaks. The only bagel shop in Montana that has authentic New York taste and quality.
	The Baxter Hotel (Bacchus Pub, Pasta Company, Robin Lounge) 105 W. Main St. 406-586-1314 Fax 406-586-6210	SD	BLD	50	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Fri 7am-10pm Sat-Sun 8am-10pm		▼	▼		Prime location on Main St. in downtown Bozeman. Historic building, a tradition since 1929. Offering both casual and fine dining in Old World decor of Bacchus Pub or The Pasta Company, respectively.
	Bridger Bar B-Q & Grill 101 E. Main St. 406-586-1071 Fax 406-586-2355	SD	BLD	260	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 7:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	In historic downtown, decor includes game trophies. Featuring hickory-smoked meats, salmon, steaks, bison, pheasant, emu, red deer, duck, burgers, pasta and vegetarian dishes. Extensive beer and wine list.
	Gallatin Gateway Inn Dining Room US 191 P.O. Box 376 (59730) 406-763-4672 or 800-676-3522 Fax 406-763-4672	SD	BLD	100	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Sun-Thur 6am-9pm Fri-Sat 6am-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Restored to its original 1927 splendor, the Inn boasts one of the finest restaurants in Montana. Crisp white linens, warm candlelight, unparalleled service, outstanding regional cuisine and extensive wine list.
	Hardee's 1417 N. 7th 406-586-4225	FF	BLD	80			Sun-Thur 6am-11pm Fri-Sat 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	99¢ daily specials.
	Haufbrau, Inc. 22 S. 8th Ave. P.O. Box 1233 406-587-4931	SD	LD	100		VI MC AE DIS DC	Sun 1-11pm Mon-Sat 11am-11pm		▼			Reasonably priced charbroiled burgers and sandwiches. Good selection of draft beer, imports and other beverages. Music nightly, no cover. Casual dress.
	Perkins Family Restaurant 2505 W. Main P.O. Box 3176 (59712) 406-587-9323 Fax 406-557-2780	SD	BLD			VI MC AE DIS	Daily 24 hours	BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Spanish Peaks Brewery & Italian Caffe 120 N. 19th Ave. 406-585-2296 Fax 406-585-2483	SD	LD	150		VI MC DIS	Daily	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Specializing in authentic Italian fare. Micro brewery is attached. See brewers at work through glass wall. Our micro brew brand, Black Dog is famous nationwide.
BROADUS 59317	Lloyd's Homestead Inn P.O. Box 35 406-436-2615	SD	BLD	80	▼	VI MC	Tues-Sun 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Family-operated business does its best to please customers.
BUTTE 59701	Apache Dining Room (War Bonnet Inn) 2100 Cornell 406-494-7800 or 800-443-1806 Fax 406-494-2875	SD BU	BLD	104	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 6:30am-10:30pm		▼	▼	▼	Complimentary meals provided depending on number in group. Located at interchange of I-15 and I-90. Ranch buffet available Mon-Fri. Weekly dinner specials, special meals can be arranged upon request.
	Chinatown Buffet 3030 Elm St. 406-723-3888 Fax 406-723-6435	SD BU	LD	200	▼	VI MC	Tues-Sun	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Copper King Mansion 219 W. Granite 916-782-7580	SD BU	LD	60	▼	VI MC AE	By appt.	TE BD	▼		▼	Banquets for groups by appointment only. Reservations must be made. Need at least 15 people, no more than 60.
	Irish Times Pub 2 E. Galena 406-782-8142	SD	LD	75			Call for hours		▼	▼	▼	Irish Pub featuring imported art and furniture and located in restored Butte Daily Post Building. Guiness Stout and 8 other draughts plus over 60 bottled beers and fine liquors.

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BUTTE (cont.) 59701	Lydia's Supper Club 5 mile Harrison Ave. 406-494-2000 Fax 406-494-3332	SD	D	215	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 5:30pm-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	A Montana tradition for over 50 years. Experience Butte's finest dining. All entrees include antipasto, homemade ravioli and pasta, served family-style. Cocktail lounge and large wine selection to choose from.
	McDonald's 3001 Harrison 406-494-4168 Fax 406-449-4200	FF	BLD	115			Daily 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Perkins Family Restaurant 2900 Harrison Ave. 406-494-2490 Fax 406-494-1984	SD	BLD	200	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Tour buses welcome. Sit-down family dining. Breakfast, lunch, dinner and everything in between.
	Red Rooster Supper Club 3636 Harrison 406-494-4974	SD	D	55	▼	VI MC AE	Daily 3-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	66th year! Nice lounge with casino. Superlative food and service.
	Taco John's 1960 Harrison Ave. 406-723-8223	FF	BLD	60		VI MC	Sun-Thurs 7:30am-1am Fri-Sat 7:30am-3am		▼	▼		
CHOTEAU 59422	Choteau Trading Post 106 N. Main P.O. Box 753 406-466-5354 or 800-401-5354 Night phone 406-466-2932	SD FF CS	L	45		VI MC DIS	Mon-Sat 9am-5:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Restaurant in 6,000-ft. Western store. Breads, soups, lunch specials, desserts made fresh daily. Notify 24 hours prior to arrival for meals and special baking.
	Log Cabin Cafe & Buffalo Gal's Deli 102 S. Main P.O. Box 548 406-466-2888 Fax 406-466-5288	SD CS	BLD	106	▼	VI MC	Daily Summer 6am-11pm Winter 6am-8pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Under new ownership, unique specialties: buffalo, venison, emu, ostrich, homemade soups and daily specials, pasta dishes, healthy heart food, great desserts, unique deli, European flare, specialty sandwiches.
CIRCLE 59215	Kay's Tastee Freez & Diner MT 200 & 13 P.O. Box 826 406-485-3674 406-485-3598 (Home)	SD BU FF CS	BLD	60			Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	10% discount for any group that calls ahead, senior citizens or any school functions for students.
COLSTRIP 59323	Coal Bowl 6111 Homestead Blvd. P.O. Box 1924 406-748-2695 Fax 406-748-3135	SD	BLD	120	▼	VI MC	Mon-Fri 6am-10pm Sat-Sun 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Family dining, casino, bowling, lounge. Close to visitor center for mine and power plant tours. We welcome visitors!
COLUMBIA FALLS 59912	Cimarron Deli 420 Nucleus Ave. P.O. Box 57 406-892-1490 or 800-811-0539 Fax 892-1002						Mon-Fri 9:30am-6:30pm Sat 11am-3pm	TE BD				Fresh box lunches with great deli sandwiches, homemade giant cookies, brownies and deli salads. Frozen yogurt and gourmet box dinners. 24-hour notice, please.
COLUMBUS 59019	Branding Iron Restaurant 1036 E. Pike Ave. P.O. Box 1183 406-322-4690	SD	BLD	78		VI MC AE DIS	Daily 8am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Western decor with plenty of old pictures of early silver screen cowboy stars and Western heroes. All-you-can eat dinners, Mon.-Thurs. The best steaks and international cuisine in the area.
	McDonald's Restaurant 601 E. 8th Ave. N. P.O. Box 865 406-322-5772	FF	BLD	60			Sun-Thur 6am-11pm Fri-Sat 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Free extra value meal for the bus driver and chaperone. Next to a large truck stop gas station with a convenience store, Super 8 motel and large paved parking for easy access. Great view of the snowcapped Beartooths.
CONRAD 59425	Home Cafe 408 S. Main 406-278-5922	SD	BL	63			Daily 6am-3pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Family owned since 1958. Our motto is "The Homemade Way."
CORWIN SPRINGS 59030	The Ranch Kitchen 7 miles N. of Gardiner on US 89 P.O. Box 913 406-848-7891 Fax 406-848-7359	SD	BLD	90	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Memorial Day weekend thru Labor Day 7am-2pm 5pm-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	"Best meal since we left home." Unbeatable home cooking in our friendly family restaurant, overlooking the Yellowstone River. Just 7 miles from the North Entrance to Yellowstone Park at Gardiner.
DEER LODGE 59722	Scharf's Family Restaurant 819 Main 406-846-3300 Fax 406-846-3412	SD	BLD	100	▼	VI MC AE DC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Halfway between Yellowstone and Glacier parks, 1 block from antique Ford collection and historical Montana Territorial Prison. Tours daily.

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DILLON 59725	The Centennial Inn 122 S. Washington 406-683-4454 or 800-483-4454	SD BU	LD	40		VI MC	Daily 11am-2pm 5-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼		Fine dining in elegant atmosphere of lovely Queen Anne-style Victorian home. Enjoy a lunch buffet of hot pasta or hot entree, salads, soup and homemade bread. Evening cuisine regional with international flair.
EAST GLACIER 59434	Garden Court MT 49 P.O. Box 260, East Glacier 406-226-4403	SD	BLD	110		VI MC	Daily May 20-Sept 20		▼	▼	▼	
ENNIS 59729	Wild Rose Bistro 213 E. Main P.O. Box 485 406-682-4717 Fax 406-682-5310	SD	L	80		VI MC DIS	Daily May 15-Sept 25 11am-4pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Located in the oldest standing building in Ennis. Built by William Ennis, son of founder of the town. With advance notice, we offer outdoor barbecue, bratwurst, burgers and chicken for a large group.
FORT PECK 59223	Fort Peck Hotel Supper Club Missouri and Kansas Ave. P.O. Box 168 406-526-3266 or 800-560-4931 Fax 406-526-3472	SD	BLD	95		VI MC AE	April 1-Dec 31 Wed-Sun 8am-9pm Summer 8am-10pm	BD	▼		▼	Fort Peck Hotel is a registered, historical property built in the early 30s. 1 mile from Fort Peck Dam and Lake.
	Gateway Inn Supper Club US 24 W P.O. Box 41 406-526-9988	SD	LD	75	▼	VI MC	Daily 11am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Last original bar from the 30s era the dam was built. Large patio looks out over Fort Peck Lake. Wildlife feeding usually right outside the restaurant.
	Lazy B Bar J Family Restaurant 101 Missouri Ave. P.O. Box 148 406-526-3562 Fax 406-526-3562	SD	BLD	100	▼	VI MC DIS	Daily April-Dec 7am-6pm	TE	▼		▼	Shopping center complex with post office, general store, laundromat, restaurant and banquet facilities. 4 miles below earthen dam.
GARDINER 59030	Outlaw's Pizza US 89 P.O. Box 736 406-848-7733 Fax 406-848-7120	SD FF	LD	100		VI MC AE DIS	Daily 11:30am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Located 1 mile from North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park, just 5 miles from Mammoth Hot Springs. Dine in Old West atmosphere. Beer, wine, pizzas, pasta, salad bar.
	Yellowstone Mine Restaurant US 89 P.O. Box 708 406-848-7220 Fax 406-848-7120	SD-D BU-B	BD	120	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 6-11am 5-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located just 5 miles from Mammoth Hot Springs. 1 mile from North Entrance to Yellowstone National Park. Dine in old mine atmosphere. Lounge and casino.
GLACIER NATIONAL PARK 59434	Glacier Park, Inc. 1850 N. Central Ave. Phoenix, AZ 85077-0928 602-207-6816 Fax 602-207-5589											
	Cedar Dining Room 10 miles from West Glacier	SD	BLD	125		VI MC DIS	Daily June 1-Sept 20 6:30-9:30am 11:30am-2pm 5:30-9:30pm		▼		▼	At Lake McDonald Complex. Views of surrounding lake. Lounge on premises.
	Great Northern Steak and Rib House US 2 and MT 49 East Glacier	SD	BLD	120		VI MC DIS	Daily June 1-Sept 20 6:30-9:30am 11:30am-2pm 5:30-9:30pm		▼	▼	▼	Fresh-baked products served with dinner. Specialties are steak and ribs. View of surrounding mountains.
	Ptarmigan Dining Room 12 miles from Babb	SD	BLD	250		VI MC DIS	Daily June 10-Sept 10		▼		▼	With view of surrounding mountains and lake. Singing wait staff liven the atmosphere.
	Russell's Trails End Family Restaurant 10 miles from West Glacier on Going-to-the-Sun Road	SD	BLD	80		VI MC DIS	Daily June1-Sept 20 6:30am-8:30pm		▼		▼	At Lake McDonald Complex. Beer and wine served. Take-out counter also.
	Swiftcurrent Italian Gardens Ristorante 13 miles W of Babb	SD	BLD	80		VI MC DIS	Daily June 10-Sept 10		▼		▼	Located in mountain setting at hub of hiking trails. Beer and wine available.
	Two Dog Flats Mesquite Grill 5 miles W of St. Mary	SD	BLD	80		VI MC DIS	Daily June 10-Sept 15		▼		▼	Located in mountain setting on Going-to-Sun Road near St. Mary Lake. Beer and wine served.

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GLASGOW 59230	Cottonwood Inn Restaurant US 2 E P.O. Box 1240 406-228-8213 or 800-321-8213 Fax 406-228-8248	SD	BLD	100	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Homemade soups and pies. Salad bar. Full service menu with lounge on premises.
	Oasis Lounge & Eatery 221 5th St. S. 1310 US 2 W 406-228-8006	SD BU FF	BL	80	▼	VI MC AE			▼			The Oasis Lounge and Eatery is clean and has great food!
	Sam's Supper Club, Inc. 307 Klein Ave. 406-228-4614	SD	LD	80		VI MC	Tues-Fri 11am-2pm 5-10:30pm Sat 5-10:30pm	BD	▼		▼	Open past 2pm for lunch on request. Open 4-4:30pm for dinner with prior notice.
GLENDIVE 59330	The Best Western Jordan Inn Coffee Shop & Fine Dining 223 N. Merrill P.O. Box 741 406-365-5655 or 800-824-5067 Fax 406-365-6233	SD BU CS	BLD	300	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 6am-10pm	1 comp per 25 meals	▼		▼	Original J.K. Ralston art collection and largest Klapmeirer agate jewelry display available to be seen by the public.
GREAT FALLS 59405	Big Sky Bagel Bakery 1229 10th Ave. S. 406-453-5747	SD CS	BL	75			Mon-Sat 6:30am-6:30pm Sun 8am-6:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Clean, fast and fresh. Full menu includes bagel sandwiches, 3 soups daily, salads, full espresso menu.
	Candie's Soup DuJour & Specialties 705 Central Ave. W. (59404) 406-727-1313	SD	BLD	100	▼	VI MC DIS	Mon-Sat 6am-5pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	A selection of 10 homemade soups daily, espresso, gourmet sandwiches and desserts. Friendly, nice atmosphere, affordable prices and good service. Dinner by reservation.
	Circus Time Pizza 25 14th Ave. NW. (59404) 406-771-1777 Fax 406-771-1588	SD BU	LD	173		VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Thur 10:30am-9pm Fri-Sat 10:30am-10pm Sun 11am-8pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Featuring a large variety of quality food and entertainment for the whole family. A must while traveling through northcentral Montana.
	The Jack Club Restaurant 1512 Vaughn Rd. P.O. Box 411 (59403) 406-452-2207	SD	D	160	▼	VI MC DIS	Sun-Thur 4:30pm-10pm Fri-Sat 4:30pm-10:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	At I-15, Exit 280, full service casual dining, cocktails, gaming. Italian-American, menu features steaks, seafood, chicken; quick dining, homemade pasta specialties from $6-$20. Locally owned since 1958.
	Mardi Gras Cafe 1700 Fox Farm Rd. (59404) 406-761-1900 or 800-548-0361 Fax 406-761-0136	SD	BLD	80	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 6am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in the Heritage Inn.
	Museum Cafe 1400 1st Ave. N. (59401) 406-727-8255	SD	BLD	55	▼	VI MC	Tues-Fri Noon-12:30pm seatings		▼		▼	Located in 100-year-old contemporary art museum. 3-course gourmet lunch in a turn-of-the-century classroom.
	Northern Lights Restaurant 1325 8th Ave. N. (59401) 406-771-1996 Fax 406-771-1490	SD	LD	132	▼	VI MC AE	Daily 5-11pm lunch for 20+	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Lunches served within 90 minutes of notification, by reservation only. Banquet room available. Within 2 blocks of C. M. Russell Museum.
	The Other Place (The O.P.) 1200 9th St. S. 406-761-1694	SD	BL	99			Daily 7am-2pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Package liquor available as well as cocktails. Daily lunch specials and great breakfasts with courtesy coffee. Average price $3.50/meal.
	Park and Ponder Coffeehouse etc. 400 Park Drive, Gibson Park 406-543-3448	CS	BL	42			Daily Spring-Fall 7am-dusk		▼	▼	▼	Located next to the pond in beautiful Gibson Park. Sandwiches, salads, soups, desserts and snacks along with specialty coffee drinks. View wildlife, stroll on a paved walking path and enjoy the flower gardens.
HAMILTON 59840	Coffee Cup Cafe 500 S. 1st St. 406-363-3822	SD	BLD		▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-10pm		▼	▼	▼	Casual country antiques for decor. Home cooking, food prepared from scratch in our own kitchen. Home style pies and cinnamon rolls.
	La Trattoria 315 S. 3rd St. 406-363-5030	SD BU	LD	50		VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Sat 11:30am-2:30pm 5-8:30pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Dining in a beautiful turn-of-the-century Victorian home in historic townsite. Fireside and patio dining. Authentic Italian cuisine. Large menu selection. Pastas, veal, shrimp, vegetarian entrees.

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HAUGAN 59842	Lincoln's Silver $ Exit 16, I-90 P.O. Box 42000W 406-678-4242 Fax 406-678-4244	SD	BLD			VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	A Montana landmark for over 40 years. Collection of over 30,000 silver dollars displayed in the bar. Largest gift shop in Montana.
HAVRE 59501	Duck Inn Inc. 1300 1st St. P.O. Box 1430 406-265-6111 Fax 406-265-4448	SD BU CS	BLD	450	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 10am-2am Coffee Shop 5am–4pm	TE BD				4 separate restaurants, 2 lounges, motel, RV park, convenience store, gas station. Serving the best food in Montana! Buffets a specialty.
HELENA 59601	Bert & Ernie's 361 N. Last Chance Gulch 406-443-5680	SD	LD	260	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Sun-Thur 11am–9pm Fri–Sat 11am–10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Room for large groups up to 75-80 in 2 separate areas. All food is to stay or to go.
	Country Kitchen 2000 Prospect Ave. 406-443-7457	SD	BLD	190		VI MC	Daily	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Full service menu 24-hours per day. Newly remodeled. Located very near to over 500 motel rooms. Lots of parking and great food year-round. Handicapped-equipped.
	Grubstake Lounge & Restaurant 1450 Lincoln Rd. E., I-15, Exit 200 406-458-9816	SD	BLD	130	▼	VI MC DIS	Daily 8am-1am	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	We work with budgets for groups.
	Hardee's 320 Euclid Ave. 406-442-9650	FF	BLD	110			Daily 5:45am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Jorgenson's Restaurant & Lounge 1720 11th Ave. 406-442-6380 Fax 406-449-0155	SD	BLD	425	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Mon–Sat 6:30am-10pm Sun 6:30am–9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Family owned business for 40 years. All food is prepared on the premises. Specialties include steaks, seafood, lamb chops and numerous daily home-style specials. Groups are always pleased.
	McDonald's 3060 N. Montana 406-442-2600 Fax 406-449-4200	FF	BLD	96			Daily 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	McDonald's 1901 Prospect 406-442-5252 Fax 406-449-4200	FF	BLD	135			Daily 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Stonehouse Restaurant 120 Reeder's Alley 406-449-2552 Fax 406-443-7950	SD	LD	130	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Fri 11:30am-2pm 5-10pm	TE BD	▼			Group barbecues; formal dining in 1890s decor; will cater off-site; box lunches. Located in historic Reeder's Alley.
HUNGRY HORSE 59919	The Huckleberry Patch 8858 US 2 E P.O. Box 1 406-387-5670 Fax 406-387-4444	SD BU FF CS	BLD	100		VI MC AE DIS	Daily, April-Oct Summer, 7am-10pm Spring, Fall 9am-7pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Established for over 50 years. Serving breakfast all day. Unique atmosphere with 75 wildlife mounts on display. Serving homemade huckleberry products. One of the largest gift shops anywhere.
INGOMAR 59039	Jersey Lilly Saloon & Eatery Main St. P.O. Box 84 406-358-2278	SD	BLD	30	▼		Daily 7am-2am	TE BD	▼		▼	Registered with the National Historic Society. Gift store attached to business and live buffalo on display about 2 blocks from the business.
KALISPELL 59901	Arby's 1210 US 2 W 800-95-ARBYS	FF	BLD	100		VI MC DIS	Daily 7am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼		Hours vary at each location.
	The Atrium 20 N. Main St. 406-752-6660 ext. 617 Fax 406-752-6628	SD	BLD	105	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Mon-Sat 6:30am-10pm Sunday 6:30am-9pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	A multi-level dining room with a beautiful tropical garden setting. Hundreds of plates under a large skylight.
	Baskin-Robbins 649 W. Idaho 406-755-3132	FF		22			Daily 11am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Free gourmet coffee with ice cream and best service. Across from Fairgrounds, Golden Nugget Casino. 7 miles to Flathead Lake; 20 minutes to The Big Mountain; 25 minutes to Hungry Horse Dam, 35 minutes to Glacier.

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KALISPELL 59901 (cont.)	Hennessy's Restaurant & Lounge 1701 US 93 S 406-755-6860 Fax 406-756-8994	SD CS	BLD	150	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 6am-11pm		▼	▼	▼	Located at the Best Western Outlaw Inn. NTA member. Half-price meals for escort and driver.
	McDonald's	FF	BLD	130			Sun–Thur 7am-11pm Fri–Sat 7am–midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	
	Moose's Saloon 173 N. Main 406-755-BEER Fax 406-257-2338	SD	LD	200			Daily 11am-2am	TE	▼		▼	Unique atmosphere, turn-of-the-century decor with swinging saloon-type doors and sawdust floor. Serving pizza, sandwiches, 22 beers on tap, homemade soup/sandwich specials. Moose gifts next door.
	Perkins Family Restaurant & Bakery 1390 US 2 E 406-257-7375 Fax 406-257-0503	SD	BLD	158	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-midnight	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	New in December of 1995. Conveniently located in front of ShopKo at junction of US 2 E and MT 35, with ample shared parking available.
	Sizzler 1250 US 2 W 406-257-9555 Fax 406-755-7576	SD BU	LD	180		VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Thur 11am-9pm Fri-Sat 11am-10pm Sun 10am-9pm	1/2 off	▼	▼	▼	
LAKESIDE 59922	Rosarios 7135 US 93 S 406-844-2888 Fax 406-844-2826	SD	LD	100	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 11am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located on beautiful Flathead Lake with a gorgeous view of the Mission Mountains. From pizza to super sandwiches to world-class dining, Rosarios will be part of your trip to Montana that you will never forget.
LEWISTOWN 59457	Dairy Queen 104 Main P.O. Box 907 406-538-8429	FF	LD	55			Sun-Thur 10am-10pm Fri-Sat 10am-11pm	BD				Donuts and rolls available with advance notice.
	Little Big Men Pizza 630 NE. Main P.O. Box 46 406-538-2433	SD	LD	100			Sun-Thur 11am-11pm Fri-Sat 11am-midnight		▼		▼	Smorgasbord on Mondays and Tuesdays from 5-9pm. Burger bar. Senior citizen and group discounts. Delivery from 4-10pm. 40-item soup and salad bar.
LIBBY 59923	Beck's Montana Cafe 2425 US 2 W 406-293-6687 Fax 406-293-8492	SD	BLD	120	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 8am-10pm	BD	▼	▼	▼	Specialize in broasted chicken. Clean, country-home atmosphere.
	Hav-A-Java Espresso to Go 219 E. 9th 406-293-6252	CS					Mon-Sat 7am-7pm Sun 8:30am-5:30pm		▼	▼	▼	Well-trained baristas will give you quick drive-thru service at our great location. Stop by for wonderful espresso, delicious baked goods, granita, lemonade and Italian sodas.
	Venture Motor Inn 443 US 2 W 406-293-7711 or 800-221-0166 Fax 406-293-3326	SD	BLD	80	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC		TE	▼		▼	Great salad bar, espresso. Need at least 2 hours prior notice (Mountain Time). Standard American fare. One complimentary meal. We love tour groups!
LIVINGSTON 59047	The Sport Restaurant 114 S. Main St. P.O. Box 484 406-222-3533	SD	LD	84	▼	VI MC	Daily 11am-11pm	BD	▼			Breakfast and selective menu with 1 to 2 days notice. Large reservations require 1 day's notice. Established in 1909. One of Robert Redford's favorite places to eat while filming *A River Runs Through it.*
	Winchester Cafe & Grill 201 W. Park St. P.O. Box 1340 406-222-2708	SD	BLD	80	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6:30am-2pm 5-10pm	BD TE	▼			The Winchester Cafe & Grill is located in the historic Murry Hotel in downtown Livingston. Now restored to its original condition and natural role as Livingston's premier dining place.
MALTA 59538	Westside Restaurant US 2 W Box 1096 406-654-1555	SD	BLD	175	▼	VI MC	Daily 5am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	We are well known for our 12-foot salad bar from 11am to 10pm. Includes crabmeat, crab salad and fresh fruit.
MISSOULA 59801	Coffee Row at Southgate Mall c/o Lowrey & Co. P.O. Box 1858 Snohomish, WA 98291 406-721-1665 Fax 360-668-7133	CS	BL	45		VI MC	Mon-Sat 9am-9pm Sun 9am-6pm		▼	▼	▼	Gourmet coffee, sandwiches, soups and delicious pastries. Espresso, lattes and Italian sodas. Daily specials. The friendliest people and the best coffee in Montana.

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MISSOULA 59801 (cont.)	Frontier Pies 3309 Brooks Ave. 406-543-0055 Fax 406-543-2891	SD	BLD	150	▼	VI MC DIS	Sun-Thurs 7am-10pm Fri-Sat 7am-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Great Western atmosphere. Decorated with antiques. All 32 pies are baked in the restaurant from scratch.
	Heidelhaus Restaurant 2620 Brooks St. 406-543-3200 Fax 406-543-2622	SD	BLD			VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6am-11pm	TE BD	▼		▼	A Missoula landmark for over 30 years. Authentic German dining. Missoula's largest salad bar and great daily specials.
	Muralt's Plaza Cafe 8800 Truck Stop Rd. (59802) 406-728-4700 Fax 406-728-1271	SD	BLD	122		VI MC AE DIS	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located at junction of I-90 and US 93, Kalispell exit. Large general store with deli area. Diesel fuel available. Casino and Days Inn Motel.
	Perkins Family Restaurant Reserve & Mullan Rd.	SD	BLD	190	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Tour buses welcome. Sit-down family dining with breakfast, dinner and everything in between.
	Sizzler 3611 Brooks St. 406-728-5334 Fax 406-542-0031	SD BU	LD	210	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Mon-Thur 11am-9pm Fri-Sat 11am-10pm Sun 10am-9pm	1/2 price	▼	▼	▼	
PARADISE 59856	Quinn's Hot Spring Supper Club 190 MT 135 P.O. Box 219 406-826-3150 Fax 406-826-4190	SD	BLD	80	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily	TE BD	▼		▼	In business since 1885. Unique rustic log restaurant located on the scenic Clark Fork River. Lodging, camping, hot pool, hot tubs, lounge and casino. Open year-round.
RED LODGE 59068	Red Lodge Mountain Resort 828 Upper Continental Dr. P.O. Box 750 406-446-3949 or 800-514-3088 Fax 406-446-3604	SD BU	LD	75	▼	VI MC DIS	Daily May-Sept 11am-9pm		▼	▼	▼	With scenic Beartooth Mountains as your backdrop, enjoy seafood, pasta or our chef's specialty, real Montana beef. Play a round of golf on our championship course. Group rates available.
	Round Barn US 212 406-446-1197	BU	LD	175	▼	VI MC DIS		TE BD	▼	▼	▼	On the National Historical Registry. We'll do special groups during the off-season. Special requests optional, such as breakfast, unique gatherings and live theatre. Timely service for groups.
RONAN 59864	Cappuccino Cowboy Coffee House 329 Main St. 406-676-8593 Fax 406-676-8524	SD	BL	50	▼	VI MC	Mon-Fri 8am-5pm Sat-Sun 9am-4pm	BD	▼		▼	Exquisitely restored historic building featuring massive oak coffee bar, spacious dining room with antiques, local artists and high-end gifts. Homemade pastries, baked goods, breads–no preservatives, fresh seasonal fruit.
ROUNDUP 59072	Busy Bee Cafe 317 1st Ave. W. P.O. Box 781 406-323-2204 Fax 406-323-1775	SD BU CS	BLD	275	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 24 hours	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Homemade soup, bakery, salad bar and gift shop.
	Fisher's A&W Restaurant 919 Main 905 First St. W. 406-323-1901	SD FF	LD	44			Daily March 15-Nov 15 10am-10pm		▼		▼	10% senior discounts available.
SHELBY 59474	The Dixie Inn Roosevelt Hwy W of Shelby P.O. Box 192 406-434-5817 Fax 406-434-5817	SD	LD	100	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Sun-Thur 11:30am-10pm Fri-Sat 11:30am-11pm		▼	▼	▼	
ST. MARY 59417	Johnson's of St. Mary US 89 St. Mary Rte., Browning, MT 59417 406-732-5565	SD	BLD	130		VI MC	Daily May-Sept 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼		▼	World famous family-style cafe. Homemade bread, soups and pies made daily. Early American and Native American artifacts. The best view of Glacier Park, overlooking both upper and lower St. Mary Lakes.
STEVENSVILLE 59870	Four Flags Restaurant US 93 #3854 640 N. Burnt Fork Rd. 406-777-0000 800-819-0050 (ID and MT)	SD	BLD	75	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Sun-Thur 9am-9pm Fri-Sat 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Next door to Fort Owen Inn. Large parking area. Beer, wine, mixed drinks and take-out available. Specials of the day average $5 and complete dinners $10.50. Stevensville, the oldest town in Montana, has a rich history.
SUPERIOR 59872	Durango's Restaurant & Gift 204 4th Ave. E. P.O. Box 759 406-822-4967 Fax 406-822-4967	SD	BLD	84		VI MC DC	Sun-Thur 6am-10pm Fri-Sat 6am-10:30pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Great food served in a newly remodeled Western atmosphere! Speedy specials designed for large groups. Gift shop–$20 gift certificate for drivers and escorts for stopping. Adjacent lounge, casino, nearby motel.

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TWIN BRIDGES 59754	Blue Anchor Bar & Cafe 102 N. Main P.O. Box 321 406-684-5655	SD	BLD	150	▼		Daily 7am-9pm	TE BD	▼		▼	
VICTOR 59875	Victor Steakhouse 2426 Meridian Rd. 186 Wagner Ln., Florence, MT 59833 406-642-3300	SD	LD	95		VI MC AE DIS	Daily 11am-3pm 4:30-11pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in historic Victor. Beautiful view of Bitterroot Range from restaurant.
WEST GLACIER 59936	Glacier Bar-B-Que 12070 US 2 P.O. Box 447 406-387-5367	BU	D	300			Daily Memorial Day to Mid-Sept 5pm-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Top sirloin steak, beef ribs, pork ribs and chicken dinners, cooked over a wood pit fire; a 14-year tradition. 21-item salad bar, 2 kinds of beans, fruit and ranch-style bread. Children's prices.
	Rawhide Trading Post Restaurant & Steakhouse 12000 US 2 E, West Glacier (59936) P.O. Box 130141, Coram, MT 59913 406-387-5999 or 800-388-5727	SD	BLD	100		VI MC AE DIS	Daily May-Oct 7am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Full menu, mesquite broiled steaks, fish, chicken. Large deck area. Large gift shop. Furs, rugs, Indian jewelry and artifacts. Full line of Black Hills gold. Stage coach rides.
WEST YELLOWSTONE 59758	Coach Man Restaurant 209 Madison P.O. Box 160 406-646-7381 or 800-842-2882 Fax 406-646-9575	SD	BLD	104	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily 6:30am-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located in the Stage Coach Inn.
	Kentucky Fried Chicken 120 Fire Hole Ave. P.O. Box 396 406-646-9011 Fax 406-646-9011	FF	LD	35		VI MC DIS	Daily 10am-10pm	TE BD	▼		▼	Meals ready on arrival for groups of up to 60 with advance notice. Original recipe, extra crispy chicken, hot vegetables, mashed potatoes, gravy and corn on the cob.
WHITEFISH 59937	Cafe Kandahar Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1659 406-862-6098 or 800-862-6094	SD	BD	52	▼	VI MC AE DIS	Daily, Winter, Summer, Fall 7-10:30am 5:30-10:30pm	BD	▼		▼	A charming restaurant located in the beautiful Kandahar Lodge on The Big Mountain in Whitefish. Full liquor license. European and American specialties daily.
	Logan's Grill 1205 US 93 W. 406-862-3000 or 800-321-8822 Fax 406-862-0326	SD	BLD	90	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC CB	Daily 7am-9pm		▼	▼	▼	Logan's Grill, located at the Grouse Mountain Lodge, offers a variety of Northwest cuisine, featuring the finest steaks, fresh seafood and daily specials.
	Moguls Bar & Grille 3809 Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1400 406-862-1980 Fax 406-862-2955	SD	BLD	250	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	Daily Nov-April 15 8am-10pm May 26-Oct 1 11:30am-10pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	Located slopeside on The Big Mountain, offering steaks, seafood, Italian, pizza, appetizers, sandwiches. Full service bar, micro brews, huckleberry milkshakes–written up in *Gourmet* magazine as a favorite.
	Summit House Restaurant Big Mountain Rd. P.O. Box 1400 406-862-1977	SD	BLD	200	▼	VI MC AE DIS DC	June & Sept 10am-6pm July-Aug 10am-9pm Thanksgiving-April 9:30am-4pm	TE	▼	▼	▼	Mountaintop restaurant at 7,000 ft. elevation offers panoramic view of Flathead Valley, Glacier Park and the Canadian Rockies. Customized banquet menus available for lunches, dinners or receptions.
	Tupelo Grille 17 Central Ave. 830 Highland Dr. (mailing) 406-862-6136	SD	LD	50		VI MC	Lunch, Mon-Fri 11am-3pm Dinner, Mon-Sat 5:30-9:30pm	TE BD	▼	▼	▼	One of Whitefish's finest restaurants specializing in pasta, chicken, seafood and Cajun dishes. Warm, casual atmosphere. Fast, delicious lunches. Downtown Whitefish, next to the Great Northern Bar.
WISDOM 59761	Big Hole Crossing Restaurant MT 43 P.O. Box 136 406-689-3800	SD	BLD	49	▼	VI MC	Summer, Daily 6:30am-9pm Winter Mon, Wed, Thur 8:30am-7pm Fri 8:30am-8pm Sat-Sun 7am-8pm		▼	▼	▼	Located in the Wisdom River Art Gallery in the Big Hole Valley. Diners are surrounded by fine Western and wildlife art. Homemade desserts, cinnamon rolls and bagels. Fresh bread accompanies homemade soups, salads and dinner.

SD ..... Sit Down Dining
BU ..... Smorgasbord/Buffet
FF ..... Fast Food
CS ..... Coffee Shop

B ..... Breakfast
L ..... Lunch
D ..... Dinner
VI ..... Visa

MC ..... MasterCard
AE ..... American Express
DIS ..... Discover
DC ..... Diners Club

CB ..... Carte Blanche
TE ..... Tour Escort
BD ..... Bus Driver

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND RECEPTIVE OPERATORS

MOTORCOACH REGULATIONS

To avoid potential delays, register your ICC authority and purchase the necessary permits in advance of your trip(s). Call either:

MONTANA GROUP TRAVEL MANAGER
800-548-3390 or

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
406-444-6130

to initiate the required permitting process. The necessary permits will be sent directly to you prior to your tour departure(s). MasterCard and Visa credit cards are accepted by the Montana Department of Transportation for the required fuel user's permits and temporary trip permits.

We want your travel in Montana to be enjoyable and trouble-free. Stop at the first open weigh station to show your identification and purchase permits not previously obtained. Priority attention will be given motorcoaches to ensure that your tour is detained no more than 15 minutes. After the paperwork is verified and the courtesy 72-hour permits issued, your motorcoach may "roll through" subsequent weigh stations throughout Montana.

The following information highlights the motorcoach regulatory guidelines outlined by Montana law.

1) REGISTRATION OF ICC AUTHORITY

Before entering Montana, register your ICC authority with:

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
Motor Carrier Services Division
P.O. Box 4639, Helena, MT 59604
406-444-6130

A one-time payment of $25 must accompany the application. A single state registration receipt must be carried in each vehicle traveling in Montana. There is a $5 charge for each vehicle registered.

2) TEMPORARY TRIP PERMIT

A temporary trip permit must be purchased from the Department of Highways based on the number of miles you will travel in Montana and the gross vehicle weight. These permits are valid for 72 hours and are void upon leaving the state. Rates are as follows:

Up to 200 miles	$10
200 to 400 miles	$15
Over 400 miles	$20

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Motor Carrier Services Division
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You must either purchase a temporary fuel user's trip permit or be licensed under the International Fuel Tax Agreement (IFTA).

Purchase the $30 temporary fuel user's permit from the Department of Transportation, Gross Vehicle Division (listed below) or from a weigh station as you enter Montana. These temporary permits are valid for 72 hours. If you leave the state and then reenter, a new temporary fuel user's trip permit must be purchased. For extended stays of more than 72 hours, contact the Department of Transportation at the address shown below to make the necessary permitting arrangements.

As of 1991, Montana has joined IFTA, the International Fuel Tax Agreement. Motorcoaches licensed in their home state under IFTA may travel through Montana and file reports as required in the Agreement.

For more information on the special fuel user's license or the International Fuel Tax Agreement, contact:

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Motor Fuels Tax Division
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Additional services: Limited mechanical, cleaning, dumping, garaging, step-on guides

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406-442-5654
406-468-2714 (Emergency phone)
Fax 406-442-0385

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Additional services: Mechanical, cleaning, dumping and garaging.

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Additional services: Mechanical, garaging

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